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SOCCEROOS — ON THE HOP

**VICTORIA'S
BUFFALO CUP
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AUSTRALIA'S Socceroos can be expected to make at least 16 appearances over the coming ten months in the lead up to qualification for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

If all falls into place coach Frank Arok will not be complaining over the number and diversity of the opposition.

"I'm very much in favour of the proposed line-up of our opponents."

"Co-operation between the Australian Soccer Federation and the National Soccer League is vital to National team development and they are moving together," the Australian supremo said.

Arok also had a particularly warm word for the inclusion of 1974 Australian World Cup goalkeeper Jack Reilly on the World Cup committee, in view of his vast football experience.

Also on the panel are Sir Arthur George, Ian Brusasco, John Constantine and Sam Pappas.

Having handed over the proposed tour arrangements featuring Glasgow Celtic, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Australia to the Westways Group of Perth, the ASF retains a definite responsibility.

No-one will want to see the like of the bits-and-pieces line-up

BY KEITH GILMOUR

turned out by the Red Devils on their 1983 Australian tour.

The Westways Group is stated to have the backing of five prominent Perth businessmen.

The Australian team is expected to play tournament matches in Sydney and Melbourne, with two in Perth.

The Perth games would feature an Australian XI in which established identities of the quality of John Kosmina and Ken Murphy would blend in with some of the cream of the stars coming through the ranks.

Prizemoney of \$37,000 will be up for grabs in the tournament, which will run from May 25 to June 4.

Two Australian squads will be needed because of the tight scheduling necessary.

Australia will play Everton FC in Melbourne on June 3, leaves for Seoul on June 4 and plays its first President's Cup game on June 6.

All in all the Australian tournament and the President's Cup will affect the West End National Soccer League for three weekends.

Delay

There will be no opportunity to play Chinese Taipei in the Olympic Games elimination series on the return leg from Seoul.

In addition Papua New Guinea has withdrawn from the series.

It seems that October/November will see a spate of internationals.

Australia will have to play Chinese Taipei home and away in the Olympics, and New Zealand home and away in the Winfield Trans Tasman Cup.

In addition there will be the International Ampol game against China and two further clashes with them.

Taking into account the Australian Tournament, the President's Cup, Everton, China, New Zealand and Chinese Taipei it looks as if 16 games are on the way.

On top of that the Australian Soccer Federation is setting up the Australian Bicentennial Gold Cup for mid 1988 against three World Cup winning national teams.

This series is expected to be held in June 1988 and, should Argentina and Maradona appear, there will hardly be a ground in Australia that could accommodate the crowd.

But, prior to that Australia will face a diverse bunch of teams in Korea, where at least one of the Olympic Games grounds will be used.

The teams are Chile, Kuwait, Nigeria, South Korea, North Korea, AC Milan, Sao Paulo and a top team from Europe and England.



GARY WARD

AN Englishman who has knocked in the goals in three continents, Ward is ready to strut his wares in Sydney for the first time.

SYDNEY SNAPS UP GARY WARD

GARY WARD, with a fine record in Adelaide and Melbourne, is likely to be snapped up by a leading Sydney club in the next few days.

Marconi, APFA-Leichhardt and Sydney Croatia are favoured to sign him, in that order.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A regular scorer, Ward collected nine National Soccer League goals in 13 matches for Adelaide Hellas last season.

Prior to that he helped to set up Melbourne Croatia's Buffalo Gold Cup and Ansett Cup victories.

He was also a huge success with Preston.

Yesterday Ward said: "My wife and I have just moved to Sydney."

"I feel I can give great value to a leading club. I had a month training with Luton Town from mid-November to mid-December to keep in trim."

Ward also had a very successful period with Vancouver Whitecaps in their heyday in the North American Soccer League.

Adelaide Hellas have a \$12,000 transfer fee on his head.

WELCOME BACK TO ASW!

Don't miss securing AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY each week at your newsagent from here on. We have started out with a bumper 24 page issue, bringing you up to date with closed season doings and taking it from there.

We trust that you will enjoy every minute's reading of our widespread cover.

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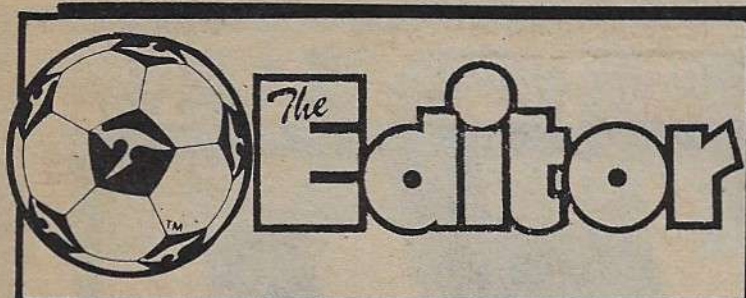
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**St George
30th
Anniversary
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Young Socceroos win series again . . .

OFF TO CHILE NEXT OCTOBER

THAT stimulating breeze of hope that heralds a new season has more than its usual freshness this year.

A deal of this has been engendered by the magnificent support for the National Soccer League by the South Australian Brewing Company, which has pledged some \$3,000,000 over a four year term.

In New South Wales another very valuable connection has been achieved, this time with the prestigious State Bank, who will contribute in excess of \$300,000 over a three year term.

At a time when the Commonwealth Government has permitted a proliferation of major banks, the State Bank has forged a prized place for itself.

Apart from its wide base in the state, its gleaming new Martin Place headquarters leave no doubt about its forward approach to the market.

Both Soccer bodies will be grateful to the executives of the organisations, with general marketing manager Mr John Braniff of S.A. Brewing and managing director Mr Nicholas Whitlam of the State Bank to the fore.

Appropriately the NSL will be the West End NSL and NSW will contest the NSW State Bank Soccer League this year.

Success of these valued sponsorship depends basically on the Soccer authorities and the clubs concerned.

The NSL is organising well in this regard. The State Bank Challenge Soccer Cup has begun in NSW and requires an injection of the promotional element that will lead to its widest acceptance.

The NSW Federation is looking towards a highly developed marketing approach to its affairs and that in turn will lead to a closer relationship between Soccer, the State Bank, and the Soccer public.

In business there is a natty Golden Rule. It runs . . . Whoever has the gold makes the rules.

The link between Australian sport and the "gold makers" of business is essential.

And this in turn leads to a distinct merchandising flavour that is so evident in this age of bonds between sports, major companies and institutions, product promotion and the media.

Soccer has gone some distance down the track, but the best is yet to come.

The Queensland Soccer Federation has provided continual good value to the Ampol and XXXX brands.

Other State Federations such as Victoria (Buffalo Sports) and Tasmania (Cadbury) have also been on the job.

In NSW the State Bank public relations arm will be co-operating with the Federation.

A well-directed programme, given the strengthening of the League with the joining up of six former NSL clubs, will work.

Clubs must have the highest regard for the pre-season competition.

In that area the public will lend greater support if games are played as early to mid evening events. Climatic conditions demand this.

The State Bank League extends from its main base of Sydney to Wollongong, Canberra, Queanbeyan and Newcastle, a point that is of great benefit to both sponsor and the code.

HAIL THE COMING STARS

It is highly appropriate for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY to record the pleasure of the public in general for the great feats performed in recent days by the National Under 20 and Under 16 teams.

To gain positions from the Oceania Confederation preliminaries in two World Cup competitions is a matter of great credit to the players and their coaches and officials.

The U20 Young Socceroos go to Chile next October and the U16s team will be in Canada in July.

We look forward to the teams receiving all the support needed to reach the heights in their respective competitions.

AUSTRALIAN

SOCCER

FIRST BEST AND BIGGEST

NUMBER ONE IN ITS FIELD.
AUSTRALIA-WIDE

THE Young Socceroos have all the ability to do marvelously well in Chile next October, especially if they receive plenty of international competition in the meanwhile.

BY KEITH GILMOUR



ABBAS SAAD

from Auckland.

"What efforts were made to alert the media about our return?" he queried.

Temporarily disap-



PAUL TRIMBOLE

NEW ZEALAND

- 1...Nigel Kelly
- 2...Chris Zoricich
- 3...Matthew Jackson
- 4...Lee Green
- 5...Kelvin O'Meara
- 6...Steve Conroy
- 7...Steve O'Donoghue
- 8...Justin Worsley
- 9...Graeme Marshall
- 10...Greg Ashton
- 11...Robert Ironside
- 12...Marcus Gerbich
- 13...Craig Meaclem
- 14...Ian Chamberlain
- 15...Kim Wright
- 16...Michael Ridenton
- 17...Michael Sayers
- 22...Bruce Williams

Head of Delegation
Rod Pelosi
Coach

Barrie Truman
Assistant Coach
Terry Conley
Team Manager
Don Jones

FIJI

- 1...Kalioua Usa
- 2...Suresh Benjiman
- 3...Rupeni Mara
- 4...Kolaiia Nabaro Matuku
- 5...Ratu Naisa
Vatunaru
- 6...Junior Philip Wye
- 7...Taniela Tuilevuku
- 8...Vukesh Nath
- 9...Pita Tuvusa
- 10...Michael John
Elbourn
- 11...James Pwrick Hoyte
- 12...Simon Bendict
Joseph
- 13...Sundresh
- 14...Solomone Seruiratu
- 15...Sikeli Sagarere
Delana
- 16...Ganilau Noa
- 17...Damudamu
Turagarere
- 18...David George
Edward
- Gk... Mohammed Jahir
Khan

Manager
Mohammed Jahir
Khan

Coach
Michael Thoman
Assistant Coach
Anand Sami
Referee
Gopalan Khanana

CHINESE TAIPEI

- 1...Hong Chin-Chang
- 2...Ju Wen-Bin
- 3...Pan Yung-I
- 4...Huang Pao-Chung
- 5...Chang Wen-Chieh
- 6...Cheng Fu-Yuang
- 7...Lee Cheng-Hung
- 8...Chang Wen-Sheng
- 9...Ko Chin-Sheng
- 10...Hsieh Guei-Hung
- 11...Chou Chin-Lin
- 12...Chen Jiunn-Ming
- 13...Wu Wen-Tsung
- 14...Sheu Yao-Hsiang
- 15...Wu Kuo-Ming
- 16...Lin Hsueh-Chung
- 17...Lin Yao-Heng
- 18...Chang Chun-Ping
- 19...Chiu Chang-Jung
- 20...Cheng Jau-Wen

Coach
Lo Jyh-Tson
Assistant Coach
Lin Fu-Bing
Administrator
Chen Chung-Sun

pouring down, the difficulty always is to avoid a costly slip up.

Australia lost Reynolds with a red card in the Chinese Taipei game, which was won 5-0.

New Zealand was in trouble in the same round when Fiji held them scoreless.

Encouraging

Then came the encouraging Australian win over New Zealand and now Australia can prepare for Chile.

No-one was prouder of the win than Lou Hristodoulou, the only survivor from the Australian side in Russia in 1985.

"We won the war even if New Zealand won the first battle," he said simply.

The brilliant Melbourne Croatia defender Mark Talajich tossed over a header and Paul Trimboli did the rest for the first goal.

Abbas Saad was handling the midfield cleverly along with



BRETT HUGHES

Jason Polak.

The Kiwis applied the pressure but Polak and Trimboli set John Anastasiadis up for Australia's second towards midway in the second half.

Then replacement Alistair Edwards tidied matters up at 3-0.

So it is now - CHILE - HERE WE COME!

BANKOK MADE BIG DIFFERENCE

It was only last May that the current Australian Youth squad was formed.

And a lot of pressure was required to take them along the qualifying path for Chile in October.

The New Zealand tournament came in the off-season, so the team management faced a tough task in establishing fitness, increased skills and outstanding teamwork.

Opponents Israel had had its share of the build up process.

They had appeared in a tournament which in-

cluded national youth teams from countries such as Romania, Denmark and Switzerland.

Australia received a serve for not doing better in the Kings Cup in Bangkok.

But in fact the young team did remarkably well in trying conditions.

Had it not been for their improving displays against Continental and Asian opponents they may well not have won through in New Zealand.

But in preparation for Chile, they must play against more quality opponents before the biggest possible crowds.

AUSTRALIA

- 1...George Bouhoutsas
- 2...Mark Talajich
- 3...George Kulcsar
- 4...Kurt Reynolds
- 5...Darren Northam
- 6...John Koch
- 7...Lou Hristodoulou
- 8...Jason Polak
- 9...Paul Trimboli
- 10...Abbas Saad
- 11...Jason Van Blerk
- 12...John Anastasiadis
- 13...Craig Moffitt
- 14...Alistair Edwards
- 15...Scott Ollerenshaw
- 16...Alex Cummings
- 17...John Markovski
- 18...Brett Hughes

Coach
Les Scheinflug
Assistant Coach
Vic Fernandez
Referee
Richard Lorenc

ISRAEL

- 1...Kuznitzky Lavy
- 2...Sharabi Gay
- 3...Koren Elad
- 4...Levy Itzhak
- 5...Daniel Tamir
- 6...Nahmiyas Avraham
- 7...Biton Doron

- 8...Izenberg Moshe
 - 9...Sandori Yair
 - 10...Bar-El Yair
 - 11...Hazan Alon
 - 12...Rabinovich Raz
 - 13...Mordechai Itay
 - 14...Barnes Elior
 - 15...Lozon Rono
 - 16...Bar-El Shachar
 - 17...Basson Menache
 - 18...Maman Shlomo
 - 19...Banaya Tal
Alexander
 - 20...Yeruham Alon
 - 21...Koziashvili Bingamen
 - 22...Shmueli Arie
- Head of Delegation
Kremer Arie
Member of the Board
Committee
Soffer Shlomo
National Trainer
Cohen Gidon
Manager
Bendori Abraham
Referee
Ovadia Ben Izhak
Masseur
Rozenzweig Shmuel
Physician
Dr. Rosnovski Mark



SOCCEROOS AMPOL CUP IN CHINA



FRANK FARINA ... sheer speed.

SUCCESS was the name of the game when the Australian Socceroos came out 2-0 winners over China in Canton to retain the International Ampol Cup.

Australia's scorers

were Chris Kalantzis and Graham Arnold.

The second string did well to draw 0-0 with Canton Province and then the first selection defeated Shandong Province 2-0 with goals from Garry McDowall and the reliable Arnold once again.

LINE UPS:

v China: Olver, Savor, Yankos, Dunn, Jennings, Raskopoulos, McDowall, Wade, Farina, Arnold, Kalantzis.

v Canton Province: Franken (Gibson), Wheatley, Stewart, Hunter, McCulloch, Tapai, McDowall (Jennings), Melta (Raskopoulos), Zinni, Maxwell, Lowe.

v Shandong Province: Olver, Savor, Yankos, Dunn, Jennings, Raskopoulos, McDowall, Wade, Farina, Arnold, Kalantzis.

NORTHERN NSW will not formalise the transfer of a number of players until the transfer fee money is in their hands.

Sydney clubs are making transfer payments to the National Soccer League, who are contracting any monies due to them.

That leaves the Northern NSW Soccer Federation without the funds due to them.

The position is that

they own the contracts of some of the players who played for Newcastle Rosebud in the 1986 NSL.

Northern NSW will have to receive transfer fees for such players as Mark Jones (Sydney Croatia), Neil Owens (St George), Sean Ingham and Clint Gosling (Sydney City) and Bobby Naumov and Ralph Maier (Blacktown City).

All these are strong clubs, so it should not be long before clearances are issued.

— JIM GREY

WOLF! WOLF!

NSW State Bank League club Wollongong City has signed former Wolverhampton Wanderers defender Mike Hollifield.

So the 6ft 1in, 12st 7lb defender moves from England's Wolves to Australia's Wolves!

Hollifield has played over 100 English League, most of them with the Wolves in First Division.

He then went to Hull City (Div 2) and has recently been with Tranmere Rovers.

Dennis Booth, assistant manager of Hull City, has given a great wrap-up on Hollifield to Wollongong coach John Fleming.

The club needed a replacement for former Young Socceroo Ray Vlietstra, who moved upmarket to Sydney Croatia for a \$15000 fee during the closed season.

RED STAR COACH

MIRKO DAKIC, former top player with Yugoslavia's crack first division club Red Star, has recently arrived in Australia and is looking for a coaching position in the West End National Soccer League.

Dakic is a European qualified coach and left Yugoslavia for West Germany.

On returning to Yugoslavia, Dakic attended University to graduate in physical culture in Belgrade.

Whilst a player with Red Star, Dakic played 110 games in the first division and 200 in the Under 21 side.

He also played 15 times for the Yugoslav national Under 21 side and five times for the Under 23 national side.

He coached many sides in Yugoslavia before deciding to come to Australia to further his career.

Dakic has brought with him first class references from the Yugoslav Soccer Association.

At the moment, Dakic has made the south coast city of Wollongong his home.



MIRKO DAKIC

OAK TURNER CUP

THE Oak Turner Cup welcomes the Australian Soccer Weekly to another year of informative reporting on the local and national scene.

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that entries for the 1987 Oak Turner Cup competition are now being accepted.

Any school whether it be State, Private or Catholic and can field a team are eligible. The only restriction is, that being an U15 knockout competition students who turn 16 in 1987 are ineligible.

Any school in the Sydney Metropolitan Area, NSW Country and ACT are eligible. If you are interested please send the below entry form to the appropriate co-ordinator.

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SCHOOL PH:.....

ADDRESS.....

COACH..... PH:.....

(FIRST NAME) (LAST NAME)

MANAGER..... PH:.....

(FIRST NAME) (LAST NAME)

HOME GROUND.....

SCHOOL COLOURS

TOP SHORTS..... SOCKS.....

NOTE: ENTRIES CLOSE 28th FEBRUARY 1987

AIJ JOB VACANCY

— BY KEITH GILMOUR —

HEAD Soccer coach at the Australian Institute of Sport is one of the key positions in the future of Soccer.

Jim Shoulder finished up in December and returned to England.

Advancing players who served under him give him wonderful credits for the job he did.

Applications are in but the Institute as appointing body has had to hasten slowly.

It is not long since the new Chief Executive, Mr Ron Harvey, re-

placed Dr Bob Cheffers. Various executive members have been holidaying.

Former World Cup captain and ASW columnist Johnny Warren could scoop the pool if he presses on with his application.

Ex-Blacktown City Academy director David Lee is very interested and many others have submitted their names.

Australian Soccer Federation executive Brian Emery is the liaison point between the Institute and the Federation.



JIM SHOULDER ... who will be his AIJ successor?

BLANCO'S BACK

RAUL BLANCO, the Argentinian coach, is back in Australia after leaving Sydney suddenly at the end of the 1985 Soccer season.

Blanco departed straight after gaining promotion to the National League for Canterbury Marrickville Olympic for the 1986 season.

He flew back to South America and his native Argentina to take up a coaching position with lower division club Docksud.

But Blanco has run into some financial trou-

ble with his club and it is said that they still owe him wages for the last three months and are unable to pay him.

Blanco was at one stage the assistant coach of the Australian Youth team, run by current Blacktown man Les Scheinflug.

Blanco first came to Australia in the late sixties to play for Sydney 1st Division club, Prague.

STATE BANK CHALLENGE CUP IN NSW

State Bank

The Early Cup Matches

A summary from FRANK COLETTA

APIA Leichhardt Ku-ring-gai

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APIA did all that they had to do to overcome a listless Ku-ring-gai in the first round State Bank Cup match at Marconi Stadium by a 3-0 scoreline.

The Leichhardt side were never in any real danger but took a fairly long time to get going and defeat the State League side.

In fact both teams showed little enterprise in the first 40 minutes and they went in scoreless at the break.

Finally, ten minutes into the second half APIA upped the pace and their new acquisition from Marconi — Rod Brown, broke free of his marker in the area and let loose with a fierce drive that was parried by Ku-ring-gai's young keeper Andrew Lacey. The rebound however fell perfectly for a header from Anthony Parison who hit the crossbar with his attempt.

Moments later Lacey excelled again and it was Brown foiled once more.

After 65 minutes of searching for a way through, APIA finally got the breakthrough when impressive 18-year-old Vic Masi surged down the right hand side and whipped his cross low and hard into the middle. Terry Butler managed to deflect it into the path of Parison who turned it into goal from very close range.

Masi was instrumental in the second goal also when he let fly with a rasping shot that Lacey pushed onto the bar. Finally Brown beat his nemesis with an easy volleyed tap-in.

Masi was rewarded for his toils and enthusiasm five minutes from full-time when he latched onto a Butler cross and drove it in first time for the final score.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, Bozanic (Brady 28), Yankos, Bertogna, M.Brown, Masi, Parison, Lorens, R.Brown, Baran (Zullo 40), Butler.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Pearce, Pepper, Watson, Sutherland, Bennett, Ferguson (Williamson 40), Nile, Bass, Quigley.

CROWD: 601
REFEREE: A.Spiroski.

Marconi-Fairfield Manly Warringah

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MARCONI recovered from an early scare against the seashiders from Manly to take out their first round match 3-1 at home.

Manly striker Mark Cimarosti gave the Bossley Park side a rude old shock in the 13th minute when he tapped in a rebound from a Mark Butler shot.

However the home side were quick to respond and two minutes later Tony Henderson turned the ball in from a corner to level the scores.

Henderson was not sufficiently happy with that effort so on the half hour he moved forward to nod in a free-kick from Paul Carter to put his side ahead.

Geoff Gunning relishing his run in the side was desperately unlucky three minutes before half-time when his powerful shot hit the crossbar.

With the small crowd baying for his hat-trick 'Hendo' moved forward once more and had a shot saved by Manly's keeper Peter Dean.

With ten minutes remaining Gunning beat two men on the left and neatly crossed to the head of Gerardo Gomez who put away his first goal for his new club.

MARCONI: James (Jones 41), Carter (Calderan 45), Sterrey, Gomez, Henderson, Perdomo, Markovski (Rizzotto 41), Gray, Lowe, Jankovics, Gunning.

MANLY: P.Dean (Watson 70), Dennis, Sestanovich, Pierce, Williamson, Mangham, Etherington, Corrick, Butler, Cimarosti, Lester (Juergen 50).

CROWD: 601
REFEREE: N.Asargiotis.

Sydney Olympic 3 Inter-Monaro 0

RIDING on the back of a brace of goals from Uruguayan midfielder Vicente Estavillo, Sydney Olympic were able to easily account for Inter Monaro 3-0.

Olympic played at their leisure for most part and the other goal came from midfielder Peter Katholos.

The Greek-backed

club were pleased with the performance considering the absence of key players, John Kosmina, Marshall Soper and Peter Raskopoulos.

Once again David Ratcliffe was in fine form in only his third match for the club.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Hantzis, Spanoudakis, Ratcliffe, Dakos, Kotamanidis, Zervas, Estavillo, Patalis, Katholos, Kalantzis.

INTER-MONARO: Chicco, Arthur, Titalis, Gaggelli, Williams, Borella, Ambrosino, Martinello, Fernandez, Derimovic, Fiorese.

CROWD: 3022

Melita Eagles 6 Newcastle R'bud Utd. 0

NEWCASTLE Rosebud literally ran into a 'brick wall' in the opening round of the State Bank Cup against Melita, being thumped 6-0.

The Newcastle side, which was a combination from last year's youth team, was never in the hunt against the professional Melita outfit.

Secretary of the club Ernie Lamb, who estimated the average age of the young Novocastrian side would have been just over 18, said he had nothing but admiration for the manner in which the youngsters stuck to their task.

"I have no doubt that Melita will win our group of the competition," he pronounced. "They are a very good side."

"But you have to admire our blokes. They didn't give in when it would have been so easy to do in the second half."

Melita went ahead in the sixth minute and then proceeded to bang them in the 30th, 33rd (a penalty) and 37th minutes to go into the half-time break at 4-0 up.

But in a fiery second half Newcastle was not found wanting until the Eagles drilled two more in inside the final three minutes when fatigue had set in.

Newcastle took the field with only one player from last year's National League campaign — striker Dale Rowney who was playing his first game since the pre-season in 1986.

In the early match at St.George Stadium the Saints easily accounted for Uruguayan Auburn 3-0.

CROWD: 875.

Canterbury-Marrickville 2 Canberra City 0

SUPPORTERS of both Canterbury and Canberra may be a little mystified as to how the Marrickville side defeated the ACT boys 2-0 when they never actually played ...

Well the explanation is quite simple actually. Canberra were unable to make in to the St.George Stadium for the game on Sunday the 25th of January because their bus broke down in Mittagong.

So with this unfortunate occurrence they were forced to forfeit the game to Canterbury and under NSW Federa-

tion rules this constitutes a 2-0 scoreline.

The question out Arlington Oval way now is ... who scored the goals?!

W'gong City 3 W'gong Mace 0

THE Wollongong derby, curiously played at Edensor Park, ended in a conclusive 3-0 victory to City over their neighbours Macedonia.

Pat Brodnik started the season in fine fettle with two goals inside a quarter of an hour.

Both goals were poached, the first in the eighth and the second seven minutes later.

City were never really troubled and Randall Easthorpe came on as substitute in the second half and put in the third right on full-time after a lovely long-run following a Rade Stefanovski pass.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young (Peros 70), Skeen, Cokely, Demertzis (Lowe 69), Morlando, Arcosa, Pupovac (Easthorpe 60), Stefanovski, Brodnik, Ainsworth, Trajcevaski.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Terziovski (Mejmenkovski 76), Wright, Muhlbauer (Jirsa 62), Campbell, Sweeney, Beami, Giraldi, Ruskin, Najdovski, Davkovski.

CROWD: 2115
REFEREE: N.Xanthos.

Sydney Croatia 3 R'dale Ilinden 0

IN a torrid and well fought encounter Sydney Croatia had too much class for the gutsy Rockdale Ilinden side, running out 3-0 winners.

The match was fiery and after 18 minutes new boy Mark Jones and Geoff Wilson clashed after the former had been penalised for a wild tackle. Both were shown the yellow card by referee Ken Small.

The opening goal came from a move that we shall see a lot from Croatia in 1987. Captain-coach Vedran Rozic picked the ball up from his sweeping position inside his own half and switched play to Robbie Slater's wing with a searching pass.

Slater collected the ball and took off down the wing, his cross on the run was inch-perfect for Jones to power a running header beyond Peter Berry's despairing dive.

Croatia then played it easily and only moved into overdrive in the last ten minutes.

In the 74th minute another move instigated by Rozic led to Jones putting Arnold in the clear. The Socceroo striker's shot was saved but the young ex-Newcastle player was on

hand to pop in his second.

Two minutes from full-time Slater put Lamond clear in the area and the finish left Berry little chance.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken (Woodhouse 41), Rezo (Kero 41), Jennings, Viletstra, Rozic, Clinch, Slater, Savor, Arnold, Lamond, Jones.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Berry, Mlokovic, G.Wilson, Plovski, D.Wilson, Ziras, Risteovski, Nastovski, Rodas, Genovese, Spirovski.

CROWD: 2115
REFEREE: K.Small.

At the St.George Stadium.
CROWD: 2,091

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 1
(Mark Holloway)
KU-RING-GAI 1 (Neil Williamson)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0
SUTHERLAND SHIRE 0

At the Croatian Sports Centre.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1
WOLLONGONG Macedonia 1

SYDNEY CROATIA 0
BLACKTOWN CITY 0

At the St George Stadium
ST GEORGE 3
URUGUAYAN AUBURN 0



Sydney Olympic's VICENTE ESTAVILLO, two-goal hero against Inter-Monaro.

at Marconi Stadium
WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 1
MANLY-WARRINGAH 1

MARCONI 2
APIA-LEICHHARDT 2

LAST GASP DRAW

A last minute goal from forceful striker Randall Easthorpe secured a 1-1 State Bank Challenge Cup draw for Wollongong City with lively Blacktown City at the Croatian Sports Centre.

On the run of the first half the Wolves were unlikely to be in the event, but the Demons went off the boil in the second half.

It only took seven minutes for Blacktown's ex-Newcastle, ex-Sydney Olympic striker Bobby Naumov to angle in a high drive from the right.

Blacktown built up extremely well from the midfield and back.

Naumov made another great break after a through ball beat Brian Cokely's head but the cross was ineffectual.

Then Brian Ellem set up Paul Kay after Jason van Berk and Darryl Northam had started the build up.

Pat Brodnik worked hard at the front for Wollongong but right on half-time Easthorpe was caught offside.

Alex McPherson, in

the Blacktown goal, looked the part.

Right on half-time Northam was forced to clear off the line when McPherson was injured.

Wayne Low came on for the Wolves and immediately showed the ability to set up his forwards.

David Skeen worked hard for his new club but Easthorpe missed with his team's best chance.

OLYMPIC

SYDNEY OLYMPIC completely annihilated Canterbury Marrickville Olympic when they smashed in 10 goals to nil in Round 2 of the STATE BANK CHALLENGE CUP at the St George Stadium.

Olympic was far too powerful, skilful, pacier and experienced for their much younger opponents, who could not survive the fury of last year's grand finalists.

The halftime score of 4-nil was compiled by

goals from Kalantzis (18th), Vicente Estavillo (31st), Terry Patalis (35th and 38th).

The second half saw another six goals smashed in by Peter Kotomanidis (44th), Kosmina (50th and 56th), Kalantzis (60th penalty, and 62nd), and Kosmina with another penalty in the 67th.

Sydney Olympic's satisfied coach, Milan Lukic, stated after the match:

"I was happy with the 'Collective-Soccer'."

CANBERRA CITY 2 VS SUTHERLAND 1

Goals from Reis and Matzis were enough to defeat Sutherland who answered with a solitary goal from Andy Duncan.

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SHARKS BITE POINT OFF SYDNEY OLYMPIC

SUTHERLAND shocked the star-studded Sydney Olympic in Round 1 of the State Bank Challenge Cup by holding the NSL-elite to a scoreless draw at the St George Stadium last Wednesday night.

The Sutherland kids, despite conceding years of experience to their more illustrious opponents, gave a superb display of non-stop tackling which was enough for them to steal a precious Cup point off Olympic.

Sydney Olympic fielded their two new super-stars, David Ratcliffe and John Kosmina, but even these two World Cup stars couldn't pull both Cup points their team's way.

Man Of The Match by far, was Sutherland's excellent goalkeeper, ... Craig Burchmore, who nailed no less than THREE match-winning saves to keep the Shark's hopes up and a chance to win the fight.

He pulled off two spectacular saves in the 20th and 23rd minutes from powerful headers from Olympic's Chris Kalantzis and John Kosmina.

Gallantly led by veteran Mark Harrington, Sutherland never

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

shirked their enormous battle and chased and tackled all night to quickly shut-down all Olympic assaults.

Sutherland's central striker, the diminutive Greg Le Rond, caused heaps of problems to Olympic's back-four with his sharp, deceptive acceleration towards goals.

Poor finishing inside Sutherland's box, caused Olympic to squander chances.

Besides Sutherland's quick shut-downs, Olympic's midfield trio of Peter Kotamanidis, Vicente Estavillo and Peter Katholos, miserably failed to emulate Sutherland's tight-tackling and failed to win possession.

Olympic's middle line thus lacked a "ball-winner" all night.

To make things even worse, the midfield

starved star-striker Kosmina of any quality ball service.

Only a Katholos chipped free-kick midway through the second half looked intended for Kosmina's lethal head just 10 metres from the Sutherland goal-line.

Three minutes before fulltime, Olympic's block-busting flankman, Kalantzis, bombed a golden opportunity to hit the winner when he beat the defence but his 12 metre left-footed shot screwed wide to the left of the target.

Best performers for Sutherland were Burchmore and Le Rond whilst Olympic was best served by Kalantzis, Meier and Ratcliffe.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore: Rankin (Christodoulou 48th), Sellar, Terry, Ball, Cox, Tasker, Harrington, Le Rond, Sharp, Duncan.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Hantzis, Ratcliffe, Dakos, Spasoudakis: Kotamanidis, Estavillo, Katholos: Patallis, Kosmina, Kalantzis.

Referee: A. Pollard. Crowd: 3,300.

Watching Melita in action, one would have thought that they were the NSL side and not St George.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Hughes, Slavevski, Owens, Lampropoulos, Pottler, Petkovski (Ollershaw 50th), Moffitt (Kotias 65th), Meacock, Ricoy, Fletcher. Referee: A. Pollard.

SYDNEY CITY TOO STRONG FOR NEWCASTLE

SYDNEY CITY's young reserve team proved to be too strong for Newcastle Rosebud in Round 2 of the STATE BANK CHALLENGE CUP last Saturday night at the St George Stadium.

City, playing without nine of the 1986 NSL stars, defeated Newcastle 3 nil.

Two very fine goals by former St George and Wollongong midfielder, David Batten in the 35th and 53rd minutes, laid the foundations for Newcastle's destruction.

Jean-Paul De Marigny opened City's account with a penalty in the 33rd minute following a foul on Tony Parrish.

Batten scored his first goal with an 18 yard rocket-hit and his second with a deadly left-footed bomb from inside the box.

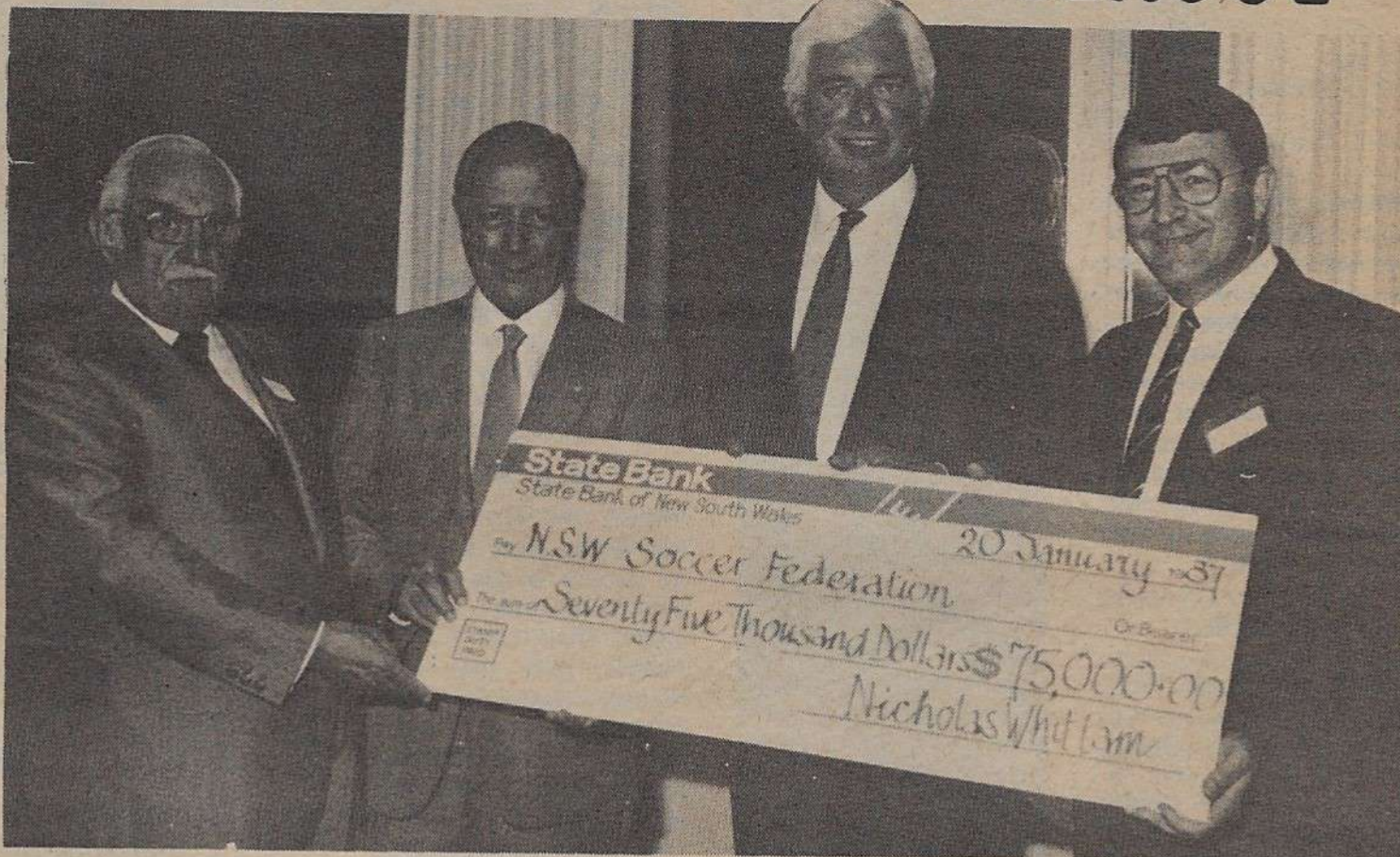
Newcastle played without most of the 1986 NSL stars.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes: Barrett, Brises, Saccialotto, Hooker, Rodrigues, Patterson, Phillips, De Marigny, Batten, Parrish, Lardis, Campbell.

NEWCASTLE: Stewart: Roberts, Acevski, Harrison, Cavanah, Gresham, Hamilton, Maher, Rowney, Gascone, Bowen, Orgega, Colledge.

Referee: J. McConnell.

STATE BANK SPONSORS \$300,000 NSW STATE LEAGUE



IT'S a plastic mock-up of the State Bank of New South Wales' cheque ... but it is as safe as the bank itself. Pictured at the presentation ceremony at the magnificent State Bank headquarters in Sydney's Martin Place is (l to r): ASF president Sir Arthur George, State Bank chairman Mr Reg Watson, general manager Nicholas Whitlam and smiling NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine.

THE STATE BANK will sponsor the NSW State League competition this year in a deal wrapped up by NSW Soccer Federation president, Mr John Constantine.

The sponsorship is worth \$300,000 and indexed over three years. It easily eclipses all other previous NSW Soccer Federation sponsorships.

Mr Constantine, a leading Sydney solicitor, worked feverishly over the Christmas holidays to package the deal and present it to the State Bank.

At a special Media Conference held at the Bank's Head Office, the managing director of the STATE BANK, Mr

Nicholas Whitlam, (son of former Prime Minister, Gough), in presenting a huge plastic cheque to Mr John Constantine, stated: "Our sponsorship to the NSW Soccer Federation is the largest of any kind by our Bank".

Mr Whitlam also commented on the popularity of Soccer with an increasing number of schools introducing the code to their winter curriculum.

John Constantine after the presentation,

told ASW.

"I am not only extremely happy with the valued sponsorship by the State Bank, but also because such a prestigious business organisation has made a large commitment to Soccer."

"I congratulate the State Bank on its foresight which will prove a tremendous boost to our sport".

The State Bank is sponsoring the current pre-season competition which has been named as the "State Bank Challenge Cup", plus the major in-season League competition which will be called the "State Bank Soccer League".

The "State Bank Soccer League", which kicks off on March 14, will stage League matches in Sydney, Newcastle, Canberra, Wollongong and Queanbeyan.

It will comprise 26 League rounds plus the grand final series.

One team from the "State Bank Soccer League" at the end of the season will automatically gain promotion to the National Soccer League, together with another which will be the winner of a play-off between the champions of the other states.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

CROATIA HOME

IT seemed as if Wollongong Macedonia's goose had been cooked as early as the fourth minute.

At that stage Zarko Odzakov spun the ball into Macedonia's net off a defender to put Sydney Croatia one ahead.

Croatia kept chipping away and it took a good clearance from Andy Campbell to clear a left foot shot by Graham Jennings in the 15th minute.

Never before has Soceroo Jennings been keener to pick up a goal and in fact he kept plugging away right until the end of the game.

But it eluded him — perhaps he could have a yarn with Vedran Rozic or Graham Arnold about the pre-requisites for a sweetly hit instep kick.

In the 26th minute Croatia moved forward brilliantly but Ray Vlietstra, who had a smart game, fired over from 10 metres.

It came as a shock in the 46th minute when Macedonia's Bruce Tilt took a strong run into the box to beat Warwick Young and equalise the score.

A Shane Clinch shot was well blocked by Peter Terziovski, but in the 62nd minute Vlietstra scored from a Robbie Slater cross for a 2-1 lead, with Slater finishing off at 3-1.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken (Woodhouse), Savor, Jennings, Vlietstra, Rozic, Razo, Jones, Odzakov (Cerro 60m), Slater, Arnold, Lamond (Clinch).

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Terziovski, Muhlbauer, Wright, Ruskin, Campbell, Krkovski, Dakovski, Jirsa, Tilt, Gardiner, P. Giraldi. Reserves: Sweeney, Mikolovski.

SAINTS BADLY OUTCLASSED BY MELITA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MELITA served a warning in Round 2 of the STATE BANK CHALLENGE CUP, that they would be a force to be reckoned with in the NSW State League this year when they whipped NSL side, St George by 2-1 at the St George Stadium.

I say whipped because with a little more care and composure inside the box, Melita should have nailed another four goals.

Melita's sweeper, former Sydney Olympic player, Kenny Wilson, opened his side's scoring in the 20th minute with a fine left-footed, controlled angle shot from 12 metres out.

Melita launched wave after wave of attacks that had the depleted St George side constantly turning.

Greg Brown, Melita's central striker, repeatedly punctured the St George back-four line and was finally rewarded in the 52nd minute with a goal.

Brown cleverly dribbled through the defence before finally again dribbling around goalkeeper, Mike Gibson to slot home.

Saints, without last year's NSL stars Terry Greedy, the three O'Shea brothers (Robbie, John and Mike), David Skeen, Andy Koczka and David Ratcliffe, looked most vulnerable and could be in heaps of trouble in the NSL this year.

KU-RING-GAI FIGHT BACK FOR A DRAW

MARK HOLLOWAY put his team Warringah ahead as early as in the fifth minute when he hit the target at the St George Stadium in Round 1 of the STATE BANK CHALLENGE CUP.

Warringah looked as if they could go on and finish the job and take out both points.

But Ku-Ring-Gai fought back gallantly in the second 40 minute session to equalise.

Neil Williams slotted a 53rd minute penalty which was enough to split the Cup points for the evening.

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WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY

6.15 p.m.	Manly Warringah	vs. Leichhardt	Marconi Stad
8.00 p.m.	Marconi	vs. Warringah F/Water	Marconi Stad

FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY

6.15 p.m.	Uruguayan Abn	vs. Sydney City	St George Stad
8.00 p.m.	St George B.S.C.	vs. Newcastle Rosebud	St George Stad

SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY

5.00 p.m.	Cant-Marrickville	vs. Inter Monaro	Marconi Stad
6.45 p.m.	Marconi	vs. Ku-ring-gai	Marconi Stad

SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY

5.00 p.m.	Inter Monaro	vs. Sutherland Shire	Bruce Stadium
6.45 p.m.	Sydney Olympic	vs. Canberra City	Bruce Stadium
5.00 p.m.	Rockdale Ilinden	vs. Blacktown City	Croatia S/C
6.45 p.m.	Sydney Croatia	vs. Wollongong City	Croatian S/C

State Bank

CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club

RISING Sydney City star **ABBAS SAAD** played a strong role in the World Youth Championships in Auckland. The unusual point about his career to date is that he began as a junior with Sydney Olympic before switching his allegiance out to the Athletic Field.

MARSHALL SOPER was on the move, according to some pundits at the end of last season. South Melbourne was amongst the clubs that supposedly were interested in him. The mercurial star who can so often turn matches either way has a Newcastle-Sydney connection that would be difficult to break. He has settled back with Sydney Olympic. New coach **MILAN LUKIC** has a job on his hands to blend the ex-Socceroo into his plans, but success would make it a fruitful accomplishment indeed.

The **AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION** is unlikely to have a 'B' National team in future, because it is not a drawcard. However the experiment proved a success in that it provided a vehicle for many good young NSL player such as **ROBBIE WHEATLEY** and **TOM McCULLOCH** to show their wares. The future could see Australia with both National and Olympic Games squads.



TOM McCULLOCH



MARSHALL SOPER

DENIS FORD, one of Australia's most highly qualified coaches, is in charge of Ku-ring-gai in the NSW State Bank League again this season. Ford recognises the strengths and limitations of his playing staff and plans accordingly. He holds a master's degree amongst a host of qualifications, and has been a State Director of Coaching in Queensland and Tasmania. He has had English and Canadian experience and had a spell as Australian national executive director for the world-rated sport of rowing.

STEVE MAXWELL, signed from Adelaide City, should settle in with Marconi over coming weeks. Sydney fans were unfamiliar with the class of the 21 year old striker when he appeared for Adelaide City against Sydney Olympic in last season's NSL play-offs. They soon learnt that he is a player with a future.

WHEN the NSW Soccer Federation set out to secure a top sponsor, president **JOHN CONSTANTINE** pointed out that the matter was a responsibility of individual members of the Executive to make the approaches.

The methodology, as compared with the NSL employing leading public relations man **MARTIN TAUBER** to explore the successful West End Brewery deal, also turned out trumps.

The NSW Federation could hardly expect to obtain a more highly regarded sponsor than the NSW State Bank.

Under its chief **NICK WHITLAM** the State Bank has entered more and more areas of finance. Their gleaming head office tower on Martin Place is one of the showpieces of Sydney commercial buildings.

The present pre-season State Bank Cup will be succeeded by the State Bank League. With six clubs back from the National League to strengthen ten competition immeasurably, it is certain that both the State Bank and the NSW Soccer Federation are on a 3 year deal winner.

ONE of the quiet but determinedly capable women of NSW Soccer has come to the fore. **MRS FLORANCE STEPHENSON** has been elected secretary of the huge NSW Amateur Soccer Federation to fill the gap left by Frank Wilson. Mrs Stephenson come through the ranks of the Illawarra district, one of the most famous NSW Soccer nurseries. She already has had a wealth of experience at Sydney and NSW levels.

MAJOR Australian awards for Soccer were a bit light on in 1986 but Australian Soccer Federation executive director **BRIAN EMERY** did his bit to remedy the situation. He weighed in by gaining recognition as Australian Sports Administrator of the Year.



STEVE MAXWELL now at Marconi and with a honeymoon in Sydney...

ROBBIE SLATER's transfer to Sydney Croatia from Blacktown City has been finalised at \$15,000. Steve Watson also joins the Demons after 12 fruitful years with the highly rated Croatians. Watson, incidentally, started out in senior football with the former Granville Magpies.

IT seems that commonsense will reign in the long run over the conducting of an Under 19 competition in NSW. After a deal of barneying, it is likely that the NSL and State League clubs will be combining in an Under 19 competition to bring the top young performers through the ranks.



ROBBIE SLATER ... now at Edensor Park.

JEFF AINSWORTH, who had five years in the lower ranks with mighty Liverpool, has done the rounds in Australia. He joined Wollongong City in their first National League year, and went to Penrith and Blacktown City. Now he is back to his original Wollongong home with the Wolves.

MARCONI has high hopes for **ALVARO PERDOMO**, who has been playing right-back in State Bank Soccer Cup games.

Perdomo was a real favourite with NSW State League club Uruguayan Auburn.

IT is not long since Footscray's busy youngster **ERNIE TAPAI** was the flavour of the year. He won the titles of Australian U21 Player of the Year and the Most Exciting Player of the Year. The brilliant Tapai, also an Australian school-boy international is certainly going places. But now out of the blue comes **PAUL TRIMBOLI**, a striker with the National Youth Squad with breathtaking possibilities.



ERNIE TAPAI

NOTHING is more certain than Australia's former national coach **RUDI GUTENDORF** will pop up somewhere around the traps. World traveller Rudi is now in Fiji as Director of Coaching, a post which is partly funded by a grant from the German Federal Republic. The West Germans have also been active by helping with a coaching service in Papua New Guinea. In the latter case the German influence lingers on, as New Guinea was a German colony in pre-World War I days. Gutendorf went to Auckland to prop in the Fijian World Youth Cup team.



RUDI GUTENDORF

ILYA TAKAC, the wily coach of Rockdale Ilinden in Sydney, was forced to miss the ASF Lever 4 coaching seminar due to illness.

"Tacky" is a super keen student of the game, who was at the height of his playing career as a NSW representative midfielder of high quality in the early seventies.

WEST AUSTRALIAN Alistair Edwards is another Australian Youth forward whose career is well worth watching. The tall youngster played for the Young Socceroos in Auckland. He is the first holder for Soccer of the prestigious ANZ Bank scholarship award.



ALISTAIR EDWARDS, turned down an offer to join Sydney City.

BARRIE TRUMAN, former New Zealand Director of Coaching who is well known in Australia, held command for the Kiwis in the recent Oceania group of the World Youth Championships held in Auckland. Somehow his team failed to get their act together fully — a point for which Australian coach Les Scheinflug was thankful.

IT promised a lot, but unfortunately it has come to nothing. The Penrith senior club is no more, and the NSW Soccer Federation is left with the job of transferring the players.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY joins with the rest of the Soccer fraternity to wish NSW Soccer Federation secretary **AULDEN BROWN** a continuation of his return to health following his recent serious illness. He is receiving assistance in his work from Eric Arneil for the time being, and has fixed his retirement for next June.

BURIN ZAIMI, the brilliant Yugoslav who played for Canterbury Marrickville Olympic in 1986, will be pulling on his boots for APIA-Leichhardt shortly. He has completed his holiday in Yugoslavia. The big advantage for APIA is that he is already acclimatised to Australian football — in fact he fitted in right from the start.

ROBERT O'SHEA in the colours of NSW State Bank Soccer League outfit Sutherland Shire and not with the Saints? It could well happen! Robert has been training at Seymour Shaw Park along with brother John.

HILTON PHILLIPS is a player APIA badly wanted, but fans wonder about the reason. Phillips has tremendous acceleration and is probably faster off the mark than their more widely known capture, **ROD BROWN**. He can also chime in with some vital goals.

WOLLONGONG CITY has received a lift with the gain of **DAVID SKEEN**, who has worn the St George colours for some years since coming through the Australian Youth team. A Wollongong product, it is no surprise that he has settled back with John Fleming's Wolves.

MANY players have expressed their unhappiness over so many 5pm kick-offs in the State Bank Soccer Cup series. Certainly the heat is too oppressive. The logical thing to do was to postpone kick-offs to at least 6.15pm and 8pm or slightly later, as is the case with Wednesday night games. By then a cooling breeze is generally in evidence, which is far better for players and spectators alike. We can only hope that a revision take place for 1988!

CHARLES PERKINS — hearty congratulations on being awarded the Order of Australia Medal (AO) in the recent New Year Honours List.

Apart from his position as permanent head of the Dept of Aboriginal Affairs, Charles has worked constantly to better the lot of aboriginal people in Australia as well as doing so much for the Soccer code. He is currently president of the ACT Soccer Association Inc as well as being a leader in the Indoor Soccer movement.

ALSO receiving an award from LEMAIR at the end of 1986 was **GRAHAM ARNOLD**, the Sydney Croatia striker. Graham's prize should have kept him cool over the summer — a Lemair air conditioner valued at \$600. Mr Harry Marr, the company's sales manager, made the presentations.

NO wonder Victoria can keep up its attendances for major clubs in National League matches.

The Metropolitan League matches and many State League games are played on Saturday afternoon, leaving enthusiasts free to patronise the Sunday afternoon NSL games.



SYDNEY Croatia's Shane Clinch received an unexpected round of applause during his side's 3-0 win over Rockdale in the State Bank Cup.

Shane was unfortunate enough to destroy a pair of shorts during the match and had to change them on the field of play.

The crowd rose in unison to applaud the skilful interchange.

We couldn't tell if the talented midfield was blushing!

MANCHESTER UNITED skipper Bryan Robson is to play in Australia next Summer. Robson's trip is part of a package that will take a number of famous players Down Under — subject to final confirmation.

Also pencilled in for the trip are Peter Barnes, Andy Gray, Imre Varadi and Tony Dorigo.

MOST Marconi supporters were baffled is to the absence of some of their stars in the State Bank Cup match against Manly.

They were Robbie Wheatley, Craig Mason, Peter Tredinick and Steve Maxwell.

Well the first three were serving suspension, while Maxwell was in Adelaide preparing for his wedding!

IT seems that goalkeepers are the cheapest commodities on the transfer market these days.

Late last year Anthony Franken was nabbed by Sydney Croatia for a bargain \$12,000 and now the brilliant custodian of Australia's last World Cup campaign — Terry Greedy is on the transfer list for just \$10,000.

Not wanting to put time on 'Shilts' ASW believes that he has at the very least three more good years left in him.

In view of his service with St George he will no doubt expect to see the fee reduced when it gets down to the nitty gritty.

DAVID SKEEN

IT was certainly a change if nothing else at the Croatian Sports Centre the other night.

During the opening match between Wollongong City and Wollongong Macedonia two youngsters had a huge difference of opinion and went at it hammer and tong.

No more please kids!

IT seems the in-thing at Marconi these days is marriage!

Inside a month the Bossley Park lads have already cracked a hat-trick...

They were Robbie and Joanne Wheatley, Paul and Sue Jones and last Saturday Steve and Adriane Maxwell.

ASW extends congratulations and the best for the future to all three couples.

ONE of the stars of the NSW State Bank Soccer League this year is expected to be Melita Eagles midfielder/striker **LEN VIAL**. He has a quick term of speed and breaks very fast indeed. The blond-headed star was an original product of Gladesville-Hornsby FA, but he now lives at Lidcombe. He was voted the Australian Soccer Press Association NSW Under 21 Player of the Year, receiving a radio-Cassette combination unit from sponsors **LEMAIR (Aust) Pty Ltd.**

IT seems strange that any Young Soccerroo players who are at the Australian Institute of Sport will be just playing friendly games against clubs of the Victorian State League. At least they had serious competition in the NSL Northern Division Youth League last season.

There is no doubt that Alex Cummings, John Koch and Jason Polak need NSL club squad places to enhance their football experience. Westralian Alis-tair Edwards could end up at the AIS after first being likely to go to a Sydney West End League club.

FRANK AROK has the job of getting the Australian team to Seoul for the Olympics to match the Young Soccerroo and U16 teams' records.

CONGRATULATING Vicki, Sydney Croatia's very likeable celebrity from the press box and ground announcer.

She was appointed full-time secretary of the club last month.

KARL JAROS — THE AUSTRIAN AUSTRALIAN

In the boom sparked off by the takeover of NSW Soccer in 1957 by the NSW Soccer Federation, crowds increased remarkably.

Australia went outside FIFA and signed many star quality players, not the least of whom was the highly entertaining and neat midfielder **KARL JAROS**.

The Austrian international to some extent played in the shadow of one or two of his Prague club team mates, who included ace scorers Leo Baumgartner, Herbert Ninaus, goalkeeper Ron Lord, Andy Saghi, Walter Tamandl, Les Scheinflug, Stewart Sherwin, Kevin O'Neill, Erwin Schwartz, Herb Ringhoff,

Erwin Ninaus and Ken Hiron.

The gifted aboriginal forward from South Australia, John Moriaty, a contemporary of Charlie Perkins, also had a short term with the club.

But Jaros was an ace setter up of movements. His continual steady running, clever passing and positional sense made him one of the most important cogs in the club's smooth-running machine.

Matches against clubs such as APIA-Leichhardt, Auburn, Canterbury, Granville, Sydney Austral and Hakoah packed the crowds into the club grounds.

The Sydney Athletic Field home matches were well attended as the boom continued.

In 1960, despite a threatening storm, a then record crowd of 18,000 packed into Henson Park, Marrickville to witness the grand final.

Prague, with its galaxy of stars, was almost unbackable favourites.

But the "Canterbury Kids," masterminded by Leo Baumgartner, caused a major 5-2 upset, with goals from Baumgartner himself, Joe Amigo, Brian Smith, Barry Salisbury and Geoff Warren, brother of subsequent Australian captain Johnny Warren.

Jaros himself regularly found the net, and it was no surprise that he was one of his team's scorers, along with Stewart Sherwin, on that fateful day.



KARL JAROS, a master player of the early sixties, draws Canterbury goalkeeper Ron Brown before slipping in Prague's opening goal in the 1960 NSW grand final at Henson Park.

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GLORY DAYS AGAIN? YES! SAYS RALE



"CHARLIE Yankos reminds me so much of former Socceroo captain Peter Wilson, in that his leadership qualities are so good."

BY FRANK COLETTA

High praise indeed but APIA coach Rale Rasic is convinced that the current Australian captain is that good.

"His commitment is great, he hasn't missed a training session yet."

Yet it was not Yankos's \$22,000 move from Adelaide Hellas that was causing most concern out Leichhardt way, rather it was Rod Brown's transfer from Marconi.

Brown had agreed to terms with the rival Italian-backed club but the fee to change hands was a sore point for both parties for some time.

Finally last week just prior to the State Bank Cup kick-off Brown was transferred but for an undisclosed fee.

"Both clubs were happy with the resolved fee," says Rasic.

"We were asked to keep the fee to ourselves by Marconi and we had no reason not to agree to their wish."

"These are two great clubs and we should have a good rapport between them. The rivalry is on the field and that's where it starts and stops."

When quizzed on the preparation of his charges Rasic was a little guarded.

"The training has been excellent in one sense. But we've had the problems of not being able to get all the players together. Obviously we are not on our own in this situation, as all the other clubs face something similar."

"Rod Brown, Burin Zaimi, Hilton Phillips, Alex Bundalo and Darren Stewart were not

able to join us in preparation for differing circumstances."

"Brown of course was not cleared, Zaimi hadn't arrived from Yugoslavia, Phillips was delayed in getting away from Canberra, Bundalo is still carrying an injury from last year that he is trying to get over and Stewart is recovering from a minor heel operation."

"So really my main objective at the moment is to get the team together and working with each other during the State Bank Cup and to get all the players 100% fit."

It was no secret that APIA were chasing other players and Rasic acknowledges this.

"Yes certainly like any other club we were after others but all in all the players we most wanted we got."

"As for any future signings we haven't really given any real consideration to anyone else, why should we? Our planning has been excellent and we've achieved what we really set out for."

"APIA is returning to its greatness of the past. The stadium is looking immaculate. Suddenly there is a resurgence of life around Leichhardt concerning the team. Everyone is helping to lift the image of our game."

"The facilities at APIA are being enjoyed by all the footballing fraternity. We are training near the club itself for the first time ever and the team is really stationed at the club."

"The whole system is



ALEX BUNDALO — injury.

working very well. Joe Prestia (president) is a real professional. He is a man who takes no nonsense and is exceptionally good to work with but again he is very demanding and this is a good thing," said Rasic.

But Rasic is most eager to see the development of the Charlie Yankos — Arno Bertogna combination in the centre of defence. Ideally for APIA this could become the most daunting back-line in the West End National League.

But for Yankos the move to Sydney isn't as simple and smooth as it may seem to most people.

The gamble as with many fine sportsmen and women before him was having to sacrifice the security of a stable job to continue and enhance his flourishing football career.

Yankos was marketing manager for Nautilus in Adelaide for a year and worked for 18 months as a regional sales co-ordinator for the Victorian TAB before that.

With his qualifications, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, one would think Yankos would have little trouble finding suitable employment. Unfortunately as the strong defender has found to his detriment, it is not as cut and dried as that.

"When the employer finds out I am a Soccer player and that I need time away from work so I can play then things get difficult."

"In some cases I guess I can see their point of view."

Although it would seem that being captain of an Australian sporting team such as the Socceroos counts for nought in the business world, Yankos believes he has plenty to offer.

"I believe I can be used as a tool for any company, especially public relations," he said.

Under the astute administrative guidance of president Joe Prestia and the undoubted coaching ability of Rale Rasic, Yankos and APIA in general are confident of a successful season.

signed for the new campaign and the Bergers have added Roy McLaren as coach for 1987.

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The Bergers have signed Andy Deeley from New Zealand and Box Hill's Laurie McKinna as front men to support Brown and Tsolakis.

According to current Socceroo goalkeeper Jeff Olver, his club "will do reasonably well".

"Possibly we need another good midfielder but we've got plenty of

strength both up forward and in defence", Olver added.

"We've got plenty of good ball players and if we can get a real ball winner in midfield we'll have a good side."

"Most of the players are back and in training and we've been hard at it under former Hellas fitness man Mike Watson."

"We are doing plenty of fitness work, running hills etc. and we will certainly be well prepared for the year."

Olver says he has been impressed so far by McLaren. "I've had plenty of time with him", Olver says — "he's a former goalkeeper".

— ROD BOWLES

\$130,000 guaranteed sponsorship but ...

CHAMPS ADELAIDE CITY WON'T SPLASH WILDLY

AUSTRALIAN champions Adelaide City will charge into the new West End National Soccer League this year with cash and courage — but no new superstars to help them retain their title.

The cash has come from sponsors Fairmont Homes, Adelaide Pest Control plus Boral, and there is more on the way.

The courage was there last year when coach Zoran Matic's shoestring squad shocked the other 23 teams with a tremendous run home.

And they will have one lion heart less with the departure of Socceroo Steve Maxwell to strike for Marconi.

With their three major sponsors guaranteeing a minimum of \$130,000, and a special committee still gathering in cash for this year, City has refused to splash out on players.

"We had a look interstate and overseas, but they talk telephone numbers in most cases, or are too well paid for our budget," said City president, Mr Charlie Caruso.

"And I can't resist commenting on the cash being thrown around by Sydney and Melbourne clubs."

"Some of the transfers they pay for players are way out of proportion to their ability, and the money they offer as fees is also an invitation to bankruptcy."

"We prefer to remain solvent, stick to our budget and be able to pay players what we promise."

The City chief said the club was going into the

new season in the best financial shape since the national concept was launched back in 1977.

"I'm not saying we have no debts," said Mr Caruso.

"But compared to some years we are millionaires."

New Buys

City's only buy so far has been striker Tim Mullen, 19-year-old brother of current front-runner Joe, who was with State League club Salisbury.

They also have Rocco Barbaro, a 23-year-old South American defender or midfielder from the Lorenzo club who was most impressive in the SA Ampol Cup opening round.

He is only on trial but looks certain to be signed.

City kicked off the Ampol series minus the injured stars Neville Flounders, Buggy Nyskohus, Charlie Villani, Sergio Melta and Joe Mullen.

The fact that they still beat State League champions Campbelltown 1-0 perhaps provides one of the reasons why they are in no rush to buy players.

Reserve pool men Joe Posani, Paul Ellul, Steve

Scardingio and Charlie de Bono, who play in the club's State League Second Division team, did an excellent job.

Coach Matic is still confident his squad can survive in the national scene.

Wildcard

And with the departure of Maxwell the way is wide open for his deputy, Paul Wilde, to show what he can really do.

Even before Maxwell left, Matic had predicted a superstar future for Wilde, who has much more skill than Maxwell.

"Any team that plays us, particularly in Adelaide, will get a fright," said Matic.

His holiday-cum-scouting trip overseas during the close season brought little joy.

"Snow and frost in Europe and England prevented me seeing several players I had on my list," he said.

Matic was offered a Yugoslav sweeper, but with Nyskohus playing so well he knocked him back.

"There is an excellent Yugoslav youngster we can sign — but no until he has completed his Army service," he added.

City still have a trump card up their sleeve.

Fairmont Homes is still willing to sponsor a name player from the UK or Europe.

"But the problem is to find one who can do the right job for us and pull in the crowds at the same time," said Matic.

TOM MCKAIN

BERGERS LOOK TO

McLAREN



HEIDELBERG, despite being plagued with internal trouble and financial problems in recent years, have never failed to please supporters where it counts — out on the field.

This coming season, without many of the backroom troubles, the Bergers are settling down to another season of NSL football with quiet confidence.

Money worries, the loss of coach Brian Garvey and the possibility of a number of players moving during the

summer, had Heidelberg looking vulnerable toward the end of '86.

But the club made a profit for the first time last season, there is now some stability in the administration and the debts are being cleared up.

Almost all their established stars have re-

signed for the new campaign and the Bergers have added Roy McLaren as coach for 1987.

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BUGSY NYSKOHUS (left) challenges Olympic's Marshall Soper during last years National Grand Final.

Preview . . . National Preview

CAN CROATIA CRACK IT BIG IN 1987?

ASKS FRANK COLETTA

THE question on everyone's lips out Edensor Park way is whether Sydney Croatia can finally take out the big one after two successive end of season failures.



In their favour is the fact that this year's re-vamped West End National Soccer League is to be decided by the team who finishes first past the post and not by the winner of the finals.

The finals have been Sydney Croatia's undoing for the past two campaigns. In 1985 they were knocked out by Marconi in the preliminary final and again last year by St George.

There has been no shortage of action in the transfer market with Croatia again this time round, and it seems they have done extremely well in their purchasing.



ANTHONY FRANKEN

Top of their priorities was to secure the playing services of outstanding goalkeeper and Australia's number two — Anthony Franken.

This was done soon after the end of the 1986 season and for a bargain \$12,000 from his previous club, Canberra City.

Sydney Croatia's president Tony Basic is more than pleased with his club's off-season

"Getting Franken was very important to us, as was the signing up of Robbie Slater, Mark Jones and Ray Vlietstra. "Vedran (Rozic) hasn't wasted any time with the fellows on the fitness side of things.

"Slater has been told he must shed more weight.

"Already he has lost five kilos but he has been told by the coach that he must lose another four before the season kicks off.

"His position in the team is to take up Zeljko Jurin's former role. He will collect the passes on the wing and take the ball to the by-line and cross for Graham Arnold and Mark Jones.

"This will be a large factor in our game this year. I think you will see a lot of switching passes from Vedran to Slater, thus taking a deal of the pressure off Manis Lamond."

With Slater's arrival it obviously seems there isn't much room for Jurin in the new-look Sydney Croatia set-up and Mr Basic was quick to point out why.

"At the end of last season Jurin made it clear that he was going back to Europe to try and set himself up with a club. He also said that if he was unsuccessful he would want to come back and play for us. My response was simple, that he couldn't expect us to wait for his decision and that we would purchase someone in his spot.

"As it stands Jurin is on transfer. We have already transferred Emil Dragicevic to Sydney Olympic and both Marjan and Alex Kovacic have left the club also.

"The only other loss from our staff was Steve Watson.

"We are looking to the future at this club and that is why most of our recruits are young.

"Ray Vlietstra from Wollongong will prove to be very important in our plans. He is young and a solid player and should be capable enough to take charge if Vedran doesn't play.

"Even so we expect that Vedran will figure prominently in our club for three or four more years yet. He is only 32-years-old.



ROBBIE SLATER

"We rely so heavily on him. In our challenge match with Sydney Olympic (lost 1-0 via a Kosmina penalty in front of 2,119 people) two weeks ago we were



GRAHAM ARNOLD

as solid as a rock at the back during the first half with Vedran there, yet when he went off in the second half it was mayhem in defence.

"There is still a lot to come from this club and we will eagerly await the return of Ivo Petkovic from Yugoslavia.

"He was all set to return last month but then an illness in his family held him back. We expect him back in May but he will return fully match fit as he asked permission to play with a second division team there to keep himself prepared. Naturally I agreed.

"Then there is Ante Rumora who is fully fit once more and should be in full training this week. They are two vital members of our team.

"It all looks good for this year. The early season crowds are good — we'll always have a good following and the form is impressive.

"We now have one of the most lethal strike-forces in the National League with Graham Arnold, Manis Lamond and Slater.

"So far Arnold has had little luck in the early matches but he is so vital to our success.

"Manis Lamond returned from Brazil, where he stayed for three months, looking as good as ever," concluded the likeable president.

Certainly with a line-up that would read something like: Franken, Savor, Jennings, Vlietstra, Rozic, Rumora, Petkovic, Slater, Arnold, Odzakov and Lamond will prove deadly to say the least. Also with others like Mark Jones, Shane Clinch and David Rezo on staff things couldn't look brighter at Sydney Croatia.

Melbourne sets the pace . . .

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS ALL STYLE FOR 1987 ASSAULT ON TITLE



BEFORE the two division National Soccer League was introduced three years ago not a single Melbourne team managed to take the national title. The title went south in 1984 and it hasn't returned north of the Murry River ever since.

Despite the National League returning to its old format Melbourne clubs are determined that 1987 will not see the national title back in NSW. Leading the southern charge will be Brunswick Juventus.

BY RODNEY BOWLES

Coached by Victoria's most successful coach in the last decade, Len McKendry, Juve is Victoria's most polished outfit.

This year the finals 'lottery' will be forgotten and it will be consistency that counts.

Juventus and McKendry have the pedigree to suggest they'll be Melbourne's premier outfit in the 14 team competition.

McKendry, at Hellas in 1984/85 and with Juve in their last campaign, has coached his teams to the top of the ladder in each of the last three years.

Hellas took the national title in '84 and only shocking runs with injury and suspension during the finals robbed him of certain glory in the next two years.

"Despite the problems in the finals it's been very satisfying to do the hat-trick of league wins", McKendry told ASW.

"I think the results have managed to shut up a few of the knockers."

The closed season has seen Juventus involved in two of the biggest transfer deals with new Soccerroo Paul Wade leaving to join Hellas and Preston's goal-ace Sean Lane joining Juve for a fee reported as \$32,000.



Sean Lane — in full flight.



YAKKA BANOVIC, transfer?

McKendry says he found Wade's attitude "disgusting". "We improved Wade 50 per cent last year and he managed a place in the national team only to take advantage of the maximum transfer fee in his contract and accept the Hellas offer", McKendry explained.

In contrast the Juve supremo says he is "very impressed" with Lane's form after he'd trained with the club for just one week. "We decided we needed someone to partner Zinni and it came down to either Sean or Charlie Egan," McKendry explained.

"I believe Lane didn't get much of a chance up

front at Preston and I think he'll be good for us."

Another Juventus player on the move is transfer-listed former Soccerroo goalkeeper Yakka Banovic because, McKendry explained, reserve keeper Pat Marama has performed well and Juventus couldn't afford the money Banovic was asking for the season.

The rest of the news from Juventus is all good.

Most of the first team squad, including previously unsettled Andrew Zinni, have signed on for two years and there are no major nagging injury problems to report.

Skilled young midfielder Anthony Grbac returns from AIS and a number of other young players, Vesnaver, Montemurro, Durakovic and Palatsidis, are expected to mature as first teamers this season.

NEWCOMERS HYPE UP PRESTON MAK.

BY ROD BOWLES

PRESTON Makedonia, runners-up in both League and Cup in 1985, were decimated by injuries last year and still managed a far from forgettable season.

This season Makedonia is gearing up to hit back and grab some of the silverware that has cruelly eluded the club in its six years of NSL football.

"I'm quite happy at this stage — they're training hard and getting fit so we don't have the injury problems we were plagued with last year", coach Bill Murray said this week.

New signings to date at Makedonia are import John Antosevski, Steve Jackson from Brisbane Lions and Steve Gojevic, the former darling of the Melbourne Croatia fans.

"They're all settling in well" said Murray.

"We've lost Sean Lane but with the money from his transfer we have managed to pick up two good players in Gojevic and Jackson."

Makedonia is further encouraged by the training track form of one of last summer's signing in Ron Campbell, a former

Rothmans Medal winner from Western Australia.

Out injured most of last season, Campbell is set for big things in 1987 and Murray thinks he'll have a great year.

Also set to return after serious injury is promising young midfielder George Petrov, and George Slivkas is one of five or six youth team players expected to push for a regular first team place in 1987.

Murray was pleased with his team's form against touring Vardar despite a 3-1 defeat at the hands of the battle-hardened tourists.



... National Preview ...

ROBBIE DUNN, BUT NO BANOVIC OR GOJEVIC

BY RODNEY BOWLES

THE 1986 season was a dismal year for Melbourne Croatia and its enormous fanatical following.

After taking all before it in the pre-season Buffalo Gold Cup and then winning the Ansett Challenge Shield by beating Sydney Croatia, the Melbourne team could reasonably have expected a strong bid for league honours last year.

Instead it all turned sour as the early season stars faded, one coach was given his marching orders and the club ended up struggling for its National League life.

The proud Croatian club is not about to let the new season see a repeat of that fiasco.



ALAN DAVIDSON with Croatia.

"He in dispute with Hellas since standing out of the game last year and was keen to join us", Burin told ASW.

"We have strength in the squad already and if we can grab the new players I am sure we'll be a force".

Melbourne Croatia is also on the market for a goalkeeper and Juventus star Yakka Banovic is one of a number of players under consideration.

Croatia has lost Steve Gojevic to Preston, Robert Markovac is standing out over money

matters and Laurie Abrahams has returned to the United States.

This leaves Croatia with three vacancies for visa players and coach Hennessey is keeping regular contact with the overseas scene in the hope of picking up some talent.

"A couple of players had very average seasons in 1986", Burin says.

"But if we get the players we're after — and if we can improve the attitude of some — I believe we have a good, balanced and capable side."

== IS IT SEKULARIC OR BUST? ==

ASKS ROD BOWLES

PERENNIAL basement-dwellers of the NSL, Footscray JUST are the league's biggest joke no longer.

The Blues, under mastermind coach Drago Sekularic, were transformed in 1986 and the pride has returned to the Schintler Reserve outfit.

The events of the next couple of weeks could shape the new year for Footscray.

The on-again, off-again saga of Sekularic's return from Yugoslavia

should finally be answered and with it will come the destiny of the Blues.

Last year players were queuing up to play under Sekularic and that situation — although dangerous to the club in some respects — hasn't changed.

Defensive giant Kyri Kyriakouleas will return to NSL action this year

but only if Sekularic returns.

Ernie Tapai is one of a number of players to have publicly or privately declared they'll resist offers from other clubs — again only if 'Seki' returns.

Footscray officials say he will be here in the next week but it seems nothing has been confirmed.

Members of last year's squad missing in '87 will be elegant midfielder Vlado Stosic and central defender Vojislav Vukcevic, who have both returned to Yugoslavia.

The biggest of the club's new signings is certainly former Fulham and Sunshine George Cross star Tyrone James.

Juve's Mehmet Durakovic and Brisbane Lions' Dean Milosevic have both trialled with the club and the Blues have also uncovered a former Vietnamese international, Minh Tri Vo, a refugee who showed up in last year's end-of-season Qantas World Cup.

SM HELLAS — AWAKE OR ASLEEP? BRIAN GARVEY'S BIG TASK

BY RODNEY BOWLES

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas — they are the aristocrats of Victorian Soccer.

Are they the sleeping giants of 1987 or is the club on the skids?

After missing the finals last season Hellas has replaced John Margaritis with Brian Garvey as coach in a bid to lift the famous Greek club back to power.

But in what promises to be a more competitive NSL in '87 Hellas might struggle.

Always active on the transfer market, mighty Hellas have managed to snare two fine players for their 1987 challenge — Juventus' talented midfielder Paul Wade and sensational Brisbane Lions star Danny Wright.

Also, as club president Chris Christopher points out, there are a number of players to return this year who missed most of 1986 with injury.

"The talented Steve Tassios missed the entire year but is due back within a few weeks", Christopher told ASW this week.

"Unsettled Charlie

Egan and the rest of the squad have now been signed for three years and if Sekularic doesn't come back to Footscray Ernie Tapai has indicated he would come to us", he explained.

"So despite the league becoming more competitive this year, and even though I'm not the most optimistic person in the world, I'm quietly confident we can do well this year.

"The new players have settled in well and impressed us very much. "Coach Garvey has



CHARLIE EGAN

the respect of all the players and the club is right behind him in our bid to move up the table."

More Starlets

Hellas has appointed a new youth team coach in former Victorian rep-



resentative Steve Short and it is hoped that Short can provide plenty of raw material for Garvey's first team.

"Brian Garvey has a good reputation with the young players and we are hoping to see him bring on some young ones at our club in the next couple of years," Christopher added.

One player "definitely not returning" is former Soccerroo Alan Davidson.

Oscar Crino was another approached to return to Hellas but Christopher says they couldn't increase their offer enough to satisfy the player.



DANNY WRIGHT, down from Queensland.

SUN SHINES AS ROONEY PREPARES THE STARS

SUNSHINE George Cross will never have the finances to compete with the NSL 'big-guns' in Hellas and the likes, but the back-room crew at Chaplin Reserve know what it takes to succeed.

None more so than assistant coach Jimmy Rooney, the ageless former Soccerroo midfielder.

"There might be room for improvement but we know what it takes. We are looking forward to the challenge and our stability will be our strength", Rooney says with all the same determination we used to see in the Soccerroo engine room.

"We've beaten Hellas in a practise game and things are progressing well."

As Rooney points out, George Cross has come on in leaps and bounds since joining the NSL three years ago, going from last to sixth to fourth and a place in

the 1986 finals series. And despite being notably inactive on the transfer market over the summer Rooney is certain the club will improve further in 1987.

"There is money around to get the right players at the right price but there are too many



clubs asking inflated prices at the moment", Rooney explains.

"We missed Paul Wade but we are signing Paul Trimboli from Brighton and we'll keep looking around."

Rooney looked after the George Cross youth

team which won the divisional championship last year and it is from this team likely future first team stars are to come.

A couple have already been promoted to the first team squad and they join the exceptionally talented John Markovski and Andrew Marth as successful home-grown products.

The loss of Tyrone James to Footscray was a blow.

"He is a very useful player but finance was the problem", Rooney told ASW.

Former Wrexham star Andy Edwards, sidelined through much of last year with injury, is likely to establish himself this campaign.

— RODNEY BOWLES



PRESTON Makedonia 1987 style v Vardar.

NSW ACADEMY REACHES FAR HIGHER LEVELS

APPROXIMATELY 30 of the best boys in NSW in the age group 15-17 have now completed four weeks of their yearly programme.

The courses were held at Valentine Park, Parklea from 7th-19th December and 4th-16th January.

All aspects of the game were covered with a big emphasis placed on technique and skill particularly dribbling and shooting, and a week working on the principles of play with the senior coaches and talks on sports injury, flexibility, diet and concentration.

During the second sessions games were also played against the NSW Schoolboys prior to their European tour and the Australian Schoolboys prior to their New Zealand tour.

Both resulted in wins for the Academy boys.

Other games against State Bank League Melita Eagles, Blacktown City and also Sydney City further showed the depth of talent in young players in New South Wales.

The attitude and

approach to the game and training by these boys was absolutely superb and when one looks at the programme of four sessions per day of 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours each, shows the dedication and effort put in by all the boys.

The rapport between the boys and the staff involved was top class at



ALLAN MAHER



BY ALAN VEST
NSW Director
of Coaching

all times and helped to make the courses a great success.

Staff involved included myself, Eddie Thomson, Asst. National coach, Frank Campbell ASF Staff coach, goalkeeper coaches Brian Williamson and Allan Maher with guest coaching stints from National coach Frank Arok, National Director of coaching Eric Worthington, ex-Scottish International Willie Wallace, Ron Tindall, Director of Coaching West Australia, Michael Urukalo trainer Natio-

nal Youth team, George Cauchi and Dr Bill Webb.

The complex staff at Valentine Park ensured the food and facilities were second to none and special thanks must also go to the NSW Soccer Federation and Sports Minister Mr Michael Cleary for the funds available to conduct the Academy.

The boys come back for a further fortnight in April, then have a week at the Institute of Sport in Canberra in June.

Boys in camp were: Peter Bennett, Darren Pratt, Trevor Daley, Sean Scott, Paul Haywood, Anthony Daniels, Robert Harmat, Louis Triantafyllou, Steve Refines, Zoran Navmovski, Mineo Bonetig, John Filan, Eric Hrist, Paul Guizkamp, Paul Welsh, Kerry Aglosotis, Paul Okon, David Seal, George Sorras, Mark Bosnich, Pat Bradley, Robbie Stanton, Adam Ciantar, Peter Boyle, Paul Rago, John Gibson, Mel Vlaskic, Joe Peric.



Top left: EDDIE THOMSON involved in NSW Academy.

Bottom left: Young Roo — Craig Moffitt. Main Picture: LOU HRISTODOULOU, second youth campaign.

DELAYED SURVEY OF NSL GROUNDS

THE West End National Soccer League has appointed a grounds committee to vet the standard of all arenas owned or controlled by its clubs.

But, unfortunately the benefits of their deliberations are well down the track.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

In fact at least 12 months away, in all probability.

It seems there was not time from date of appointment to commencement of the 1987 action to achieve much.

Physical work has to be done, and in some cases local councils or trusts have to be influenced or considerable funds raised.

One of the most glaring cases which shrieks for attention is Middle Park, home of South Melbourne Hellas.

Minor repairs to buildings and a couple of coats of paint would at least liven up a dismal atmosphere.

The basics for a good football ground are all there already.

In Sydney, Lambert Park has had a facelift carefully organised by Ron Orsatti but amongst other things media facilities are way below minimum expectations.

The West End brewery deal is in place but the signs of a competitor sit right opposite the television cameras!

A long-term signage deal is involved, so the problem will take some skirting around.

If schoolkids use the park this year the surface will once again be chopped to ribbons.

Fortunately grounds such as St George Stadium, Sydney Athletic Field, Olympic Park and Olympic Sports Field Adelaide generally meet reasonable specifications.

Other such as the Croatian Sports Centre, Marconi Stadium and Heidelberg's Olympic Village have real potential, with some deficits to be overcome.

The committee however will need extra biros and pads when they visit the homes of Sunshine, Footscray and Preston.

These grounds leave a deal to be desired and do little for the image of the sport.

Economic factors should be paramount in the conduct of football clubs, but when the arenas used by cricket and other football codes are put alongside the worst of the Soccer grounds it is obvious that the problem is urgent.

Cover, seating, TV standard floodlighting and electronic information boards, top surfaces etc are vital in this day and age.

There is no doubt that clubs who cannot provide high standard grounds must be held not to meet the requirements of the League.

Straight promotion and relegation is not the final answer to Soccer's progress, because an increasingly discerning public demands much more than that.



RON ORSATTI and NICK PAPALLO ... they revamped Lambert Park, but there is still some distance to go.

APIA UPDATE

APIA has made a bold move to have the Lambert Park arena floodlit.

The ground would prove an excellent near-city venue for night games if this can be accomplished, especially as there now is ample cover for spectators on the Marion Street side.

There are already two fabricated stan-

chions in place, but they only provide for training lights only at this stage.

No problem exists with local residents or factories adjoining the ground as lighting has been in place for many years.

Club official Ron Orsatti said: "All details are in the hands of Leichhardt Municipal Council. We hope that our move will be crowned with success."

STRENGTH IS THERE IN BRILLIANT YOUNG ROOS

AUSTRALIA in 1981, Mexico 1983, Russia 1985 and now Chile in 1987 — a superb effort and coach Les Scheinflug has had a hand on three occasions.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

This time he is looking to a splendid squad, captained by Tasmanian product Kurt Reynolds, for enhanced results.

Paul Trimboli from Melbourne club Sunshine George Cross has proved a small but highly explosive packet in the front line.

Although he lacks in stature his all round talents are such that he will become one of the best ever products of Australian Soccer.

But in spite of the unquestionable strength of the squad,

the decision that could make all the difference to the Young Roos rests with John Koch and Jason Polak, a pair who began their careers together with Pine Rivers Soccer Club in Queensland.

If they stay at the Australian Institute of Sport they will only compete at Youth level.

Development cannot take place at the rate that would occur if they are in the senior squad of a leading NSL or

State League club.

They have to move into senior football to develop at the required rate.

For their own sake — as well as that of Australia — it is to be hoped that they come up with the vital right answer.

Many of the players distinguished themselves in Auckland, and amongst them were Sydney City's Abbas Saad, Lou Hristodoulou and Jason Polak.

Jason van Blerk had two halves as substitute and scored three goals!

The current Australian squad is: George Bouhoutsas, Mark Talajich, George Kulcsar, Kurt Reynolds (capt), Darren Northam, John Koch, Lou Hristodoulou, Jason Polak, Paul Trimboli, Abbas Saad, Jason Van Blerk, John Anastasiadis, Craig Moffitt, Alistair Edwards, Scott Ollerenshaw, Alex Cummings, John Markovski, Brett Hughes.



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George NUTTALL	7
John O'SHEA	9
Mike O'SHEA	7
Phil O'CONNOR	29
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1979	11th
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1985	5th
1986	3rd



Back Row (left to right): Marty Treasure, John Stoddart, Jimmy Herron, Harry Williams, Willie Hamilton, Neville Morgan, Fabian Juhasz, Barry Harris, Brendan Grosse, Alan Ainslie

Front Row: Denis Donovan, Mike Denton, Atti Abonyi, Bobby Hogg, Johnny Warren, Frank Arok (Manager-Coach), Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston, George Harris, Doug Utjesenovic, Jimmy Fraser.

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ST GEORGE'S 30 YEARS HISTORY



ALEX PONGRASS
PRESIDENT

BUDAPEST SOCCER CLUB, formed in 1957 from the Hungarian-embryonic roots of "Ferencváros" and then "Europa", gained admission into the newly structured NSW Soccer Federation. This club was the baby club from which the St George Budapest Soccer Club of today was born.

The Bordacs brothers, Ziggy and Les, were elected as President and Secretary respectively.

Mr Les Bordacs today is still with St George as Chairman of the Soccer

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Committee and Junior Vice President and Director of the Social Club at Mortdale.

Mr Alex Pongrass, a Sydney leading businessman, was elected President of the Budapest Club back in 1960, a position he still holds some 27 years later.

Under the dual, dynamic leadership of Pongrass and Bordacs, the club grew rapidly, yet progressively.

This growth, heavily sprinkled with vision, energy, courage and unlimited imagination, culminated into Budapest moving into the St George area at Mortdale to establish the ultra-modern club-

house of the St George Budapest Soccer Club which opened its doors for business back in 1967.

From this base ("Soccer House"), St George Budapest powered its way into glory, reeling off a string of victories to grab Club Championships, Ampol Cups, Grand Finals etc as well as setting new trends in Australian Soccer.

St George Budapest Soccer Club, within a few years became Australia's Real Madrid with overseas recognition.

In 1969, St George appointed the first-ever fulltime manager-coach of an Australian club side by engaging Frank Arok into this unique position.

The Club soon became the launching pad from which Australian World Cup stars rocketed into the orbit of World Cup arenas.

All gaining selection for Australia by playing for ST GEORGE BUDAPEST SOCCER CLUB.

St George became so powerful that back in 1969, no less than NINE players from the Saints first team gained selection into the Australian World Cup squad.

One of the two players that didn't gain a national shirt in 1969, was the powerful blond goalkeeper, Jimmy Fraser who had just joined the Saints the same year.

But Jimmy Fraser soon gained international status in a very big way.



TERRY GREEDY

Fraser more than anybody else, with heroic feats at the Sydney Sports Ground, lifted the Australian team in 1973 into the 1974 World Cup Finals in Munich, despite the fact that Fraser himself in the end was not able to make the trip to Germany.

In 1977, St George's Alex Pongrass, together with Sydney City's Frank Lowy, were the instigators in laying down the foundations for a Super-League which today is the National Soccer League.

In 1978 St George officially opened its

gates to the magnificent St George Soccer Stadium which has a crowd-capacity of 16,000, and situated in the Sydney suburb of Rockdale.

This \$2 million plus Soccer mega-structure, included facilities for players never seen before in Australian Soccer circles.

Modern press box, hi-tech P.A. System, training pitches, full flood-lighting, enormous car-parking, training cage, spa-pool, modern dressing rooms, equipment store rooms, Bar-B-Q areas, canteens, trophy-lounge, private boxes, Gold Member seats etc.

On Saturday night, the Saints celebrate 30 wonderful years in Australian Soccer with a glittering GALA BALL at Soccer House.

Official guests and special patrons of the evening, will include Mr Nick Greiner, State Opposition Leader, Mr Gary Punch, St George M.P. and Sir Arthur



LES BORDACS
JNR. VICE-PRESIDENT

George, President of the Australian Soccer Federation.

St George Budapest Soccer Club would like to acknowledge Seppelts Wines for providing the evening with the first-class entertainment, of Australia's magnificent orchestra, the Warren Daly Big Band, sponsored by the State Lotteries Office.

From the Management and Staff of the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, we would like to extend our congratulations to the ST GEORGE BUDAPEST SOCCER CLUB.

SIX GRAND FINALS

St. George have won five N.S.W. Grand Finals and one N.S.L. Grand Final.

These were the Grand Final Winning Teams:

1967: Haffey, Isaac, Hillary, Schaefer, G. Morgan, Zuckermann, Stegbauer, J. Warren, McColgan, Cliss, Fernandez.

1971: Reilly, Harris, Schaefer, Utjesenovic, Hogg, Hamilton, Ainslie, Abonyi, Denton, Herron (Williams), Alston.

1974: J. Fraser, Harris, Schaefer, Utjesenovic, Williams, Grosse, Abonyi, Warren (Cotton 98m), T. Smith, Hamilton, Stoddart (N. Morgan 59m).

1975: Fuzes, Harris, Utjesenovic, Cotton, Williams, Hamilton, Grosse, Stoddart, Abonyi, Morgan, Jankovics.

1981: M. Fraser, Skeen, Rylands, McDonald (Hadley), Terry, Barton, Stone, Davies, Griffiths, Marton, Campbell.

1982: N.S.L. Grand Final. Greedy, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Stone, Wilkinson, J. O'Shea, Slater, McDougall, Marton, Barton.

1983: Champions, Ampol Cup, Philips Cup winners.

• JIM FRASER



JOHNNY WARREN
SAINT'S SKIPPER
and CAPTAIN OF
AUSTRALIAN
SOCCEROOS



ATTI ABONYI

Names such as Johnny, Warren, Atti Abonyi, Doug Utjesenovic, Georgie Harris, Adrian Alston, Terry Greedy, Manfred Schaefer, David Ratcliffe, Jimmy Fraser, Mike Denton, Alan Ainslie, Harry Williams, Donny Sandell etc, all wore the colours of Australia with distinction.



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The State League Story

SCHEINFLUG THE KEY TO DEMONS' PROGRESS

THE securing of vastly experienced coach Les Scheinflug by Blacktown City on a long term contract gives the club the chance to implement one of their cherished dreams.

The Demons' aim is to produce the maximum quality and quantity of Australian players and one area of Scheinflug's expertise is certainly in that field.

Club president Paul Morrison said: "The plan is for Les to produce a young side, with a number of high quality 'older heads' to lend experience."

"This will carry Blacktown City to a sound future in the highest competition we can reach."

The Demons have secured outstanding Newcastle full-back or midfielder Ralph Maier, who was one of the Rosebuds' better players in the 1986 National League.

The club has signed Young Soccerroo Jason van Blerk, who excelled at the Australian Institute of Sport.

His father Cliff is well

remembered as a great defender with APIA-Leichhardt after he joined the club from South Africa.

Another ex-Newcastle player who will add to Blacktown's firepower is the nimble-footed Bobby Naumov, who also appeared with Sydney Olympic.



Naumov has the ability to spark off attacking moves and to finish off neatly as well.

English defender Peter Denyer, re-signed at the end of last season, has arrived back in Sydney.

Two 1986 players, midfielder John Bradley

and centre-back Don McLeod, are open to transfer.

Jeff Ainsworth has been sold back to his original club, Wollongong City.

A big gain will be one of NSW's best goalkeepers Steve Watson, who joins up from Sydney Croatia, who now have Soccerroo squad member Tony Franken in their squad.

Cliff Pointer is the U19 coach, with former Soccerroo goalkeeper Allan Maher in charge of their NSW Youth team squads, who will also draw on the resources of the strong Granville District Soccer Association.

Finding the right striker, though, is the Demons' top problem at the moment.

Adam Sandy has been leading the line in recent matches.

— KEITH GILMOUR



STEVE WATSON ... snapped up from Croatia

GRAHAM RESERVE IN HIGH DEMAND

WARRINGAH Freshwater Soccer Club is facing the lack of a local home ground unless an accommodation is reached with Manly-Warringah Soccer Association.

And if a deal is made the arrangements need the approval of the local Manly-Warringah Sporting Union and Manly Municipal Council.

The whole affair flared up when Warringah Freshwater found that the Narrabeen Sports Academy ground, which they used last season, would not be available to them this year.

That left them on the outer and they sought use of the handy L.M. Graham Reserve at Manly Vale.

This area is regarded by Manly-Warringah Association as its headquarters, just as Manly-Warringah Soccer Club is based on the Cromer Park complex.

The further complication is that there is a

history of fighting and a feud between Warringah Freshwater and Manly-Warringah Association.

The predecessor of the club was suspended by the Association at one stage, before they linked up to gain NSW Soccer Federation status.

The Association forces, led by president Wayne Connor, point out that one quarter of their players — over 1600 of them — are caught up with having only two grounds in the Manly area proper.

Warringah Freshwater president Hans Boscheiter is confident that a compromise will ultimately be reached.

"We can fairly hope that the Association uses the reserve on Saturday and we run our home games there on Sundays."

"After all, they run only Saturday competitions", he said.

For the sake of the game it seems preferable that both arms of the code are provided for.

BERTRAM'S BOOTS GO ON THE PEG

BY KEITH GILMOUR

TERRY BERTRAM, so often the heart and soul of the Ku-ring-gai team, has decided to call it a day.

The highly competent midfielder-defender has given great service to the Green and Whites and will be sorely missed.

Ku-ring-gai so often has been the place where excellent goalkeepers are moulded, not the least of them being David Curtis.

The tall money market dealer went on to National League status with Blacktown City.

This year they are on the lookout to strengthen the custodian department.

The Ku-ring-gai management is working hard on sponsorship deals.

One of the biggest bonuses they could receive would be to receive closer co-operation and some financial assistance from the local association.

His career with the former Auburn club at Mona Park had many high points, as indeed did his days on the North Shore.

The club is negotiating with a new player who has sound credentials from the United States college scene.

He also has ties in Queensland.

Former UK professional and ex St George and Sutherland star Nigel Groome is expected to be on deck once again.

And there could be big news over the return of former topscorer Glen Jeffery to the fold.

Strangely enough Jeffery never really clicked at Avala, but he has a

known track record with his former club.

The KDSA would learn a lot from the operation of the adja-



CRAIG BASS

cent Manly-Warringah and Gladesville-Hornsby Associations.

Unless their top executives lead the way to closer co-operation and assistance then top local products could end up with "no place to go."

This year a few players who cannot quite make the first team are likely to depart for pastures greener.

The ground position has so often been Ku-ring-gai's Achilles heel and there will be little improvement in 1987.

The Hornsby Shire Council has been making encouraging signs for some years now, and there are distinct signs that Ku-ring-gai will strike pay dirt soon.

Incorporation for State Federation

THE NSW Soccer Federation became incorporated as a company on December 23 last.

The Federation had been planning the move for some time.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

It will enable the organisation to have a structure which will facilitate the most efficient possible management.

The Federation, aided by the excellent sponsorship of the State Bank, will be forward looking.

Both organisations

are combining to present a businesslike and promotion-oriented outlook for the code.

There will be increased responsibility for the board of directors, who replace the previous executive committee.

Led by chairman John Constantine, the directors are George Dick, Jock McAusland, Charlie Valentine, Ian Holmes, Eric Arneil, Tony Labbozzetta, Dale Kellett and Harry Ambrose.

Ambrose, who has served with distinction in APIA-Leichhardt's administration, replaced the well-known Wollongong City official, John Vlietstra.

LEVEL 3 COURSE DRAWS INTEREST FROM STATES

FROM ALAN VEST

THE Level 3 course conducted at Parklea from 4th-9th January, 1987 was again very successful. Over 30 candidates took part in the course, together with 24 boys who form the NSW Academy within the age range 15-17.

The Staff included Ron Tindall, the Director of Coaching for Western Australia, Eddie Thomson, the Assistant National

Coach and Frank Campbell, the State Trainer/Coach.

Again more candidates were coaches and players from National League and State League clubs and the standard appeared to be the highest level yet.

Another feature of the course was the number of candidates and observers from interstate — from Melbourne, Canberra, Mackay and Rockhampton.

Candidates now are assessed at their clubs for Part B and come back in December for further assessments for Part C. They have to complete the fitness for Soccer Course for Part D as well as completing a Training programme.

Schoolboys

Two week-long Residential courses for Schoolboys were held in January at Valentine Park, with approximately 70 boys taking part.

Numbers are gradually increasing at these camps and candidates seem to be improving in standard yearly. The coaching staff involved, Frank Campbell, Roy Thomas, Vic Renkovetsky and Matt Connor, showed their patience and understanding both on and off the field to ensure the success of the course.

The courses were held from 11th-23rd of January.

CENTRAL COAST GOES FOR A "BIG MAC"

BRIAN McDONALD has succeeded Ray Lamb as coach of the Central Coast side in the Northern NSW senior competition.

Lamb finished a two year term and McDonald takes over after serving as Director of Coaching at Manly.

McDonald, born in England, has had a wealth of experience including short spells with Queens Park Rangers and Chelsea.

He served as Manly's player-coach about 18 years ago only to return to England to coach

Harlow Town.

Jim Payne, the Central Coast representative teams organisation chairman, believes that McDonald can develop the skills of players from the area.

McDonald confirmed that this is his aim and is looking to sponsorships as an attraction to bring the best players to the

club.

The Association itself is proceeding with its own sporting complex at a handy location at Lisarow, north of Gosford.

Leading the project is able Gosford businessman Barry Margin, who has had tremendous experience in Soccer organisation as well.



MARK NILE ... maker of goals.

LEADERS — BE STRONG AND UNSELFISH!

OVERCOME THE DEFICIENCIES!

VIRI PIRES helps the cause of Soccer on radio station 2RSR-FM (on 89.9 MHz on the FM band).

In this short and pertinent overview of Australian Soccer he traces the world game from its shaky start in the days when the colonial military establishment first brought in a rugby flavour.

Then followed an amateurish era, with the Soccer game largely confined to the Eastern states.

The migrant wave of the fifties followed, and now so many of the next generation are holding the reins.

The future, Pires contends, is with migrant activities, to which of course must be added more of the overall community.



Long-time Socceroo Jimmy Rooney in action for Heidelberg during the early formative Phillips League.

WITH the unprecedented coverage given to the recently finished World Cup it's time for us to analyse some of the causes why Soccer "the real football" hasn't reached, in Australia, the same popular level as in the rest of the world.

There are three stages, in the history of the game, that follow pretty closely the development of the Australian population.

Firstly, with the colonial establishment and settlement, cricket and later rugby union became the dominant games in summer and winter in Queensland and NSW, with an indigenous game Australian rules, an amalgam of Irish football and rugby, the dominant code of the winter in Victoria, South and Western Australia.

Later the formation of the Federation of the Commonwealth of Australia, at the start of the

century, saw an increase of British immigration. Particularly from the North of England at the time there was a split in rugby, due to payments for lost wages to working class players that led to the formation of rugby league in England and consequently in Australia.

Therefore the stage was ready for the entrenchment of these sports, British dominated, to take over the sporting attention of Australians.

Soccer, the real football, escaped being categorised in a particular social class. It expanded rapidly through the world, but in Australia had a slow development due to the lack of competition with the too strong British home countries or overseas, and thus Soccer was confined to a few amateur Australian clubs without influence in general sports administration.

In the fifties, the influx of the European migrants brought with them the love of the world game. Finding the

local Soccer administration retrograde and unco-operative in developing the game and accepting them in their local clubs, they formed new ones based on their origins.

From there started the strength and weakness of Soccer in Australia of the moment.

The desire to be among friends, after confronting the hostilities of biggotted Australians in their workplaces, led to some very good crowds among the leading new ethnic clubs.

But, as the new immigrants settled in their new country, with all the pressures of a new life, such as buying and repairing their houses, raising their children and the pressures of the Australian society, crowd numbers started to erode.

Old rivalries among ethnic groups were fuelled by an antagonistic Australian media, fearful of an ethnic supremacy in sport, the Aussie sacred cow!

Divide and rule applied and we fell into their trap. Instead of building on solid foundations and attracting the new generation of our sons and daughters, our ethnic leaders spent most of their time fighting among themselves!

When after 23 years in

opposition, the Whitlam Government encouraged the ethnic traditions and culture in a more tolerant Australia. Due to the dedication of a few migrant workers, many of them marginalised in their own communities, a new pride of belonging was gained, but alas, it was too late!

The second generation was lost and the original migrant was too old or disappointed to improve matters.

Thus even the qualification of Australia for the World Cup in Germany, in 1974, failed to revive Soccer, and even formation of a National League, thanks to the sponsorship of Philips, was not sufficient to lift the game, thanks mainly to the inadequacies of its leaders.

Nevertheless, the biggest obstacle to the rise of Soccer in Australia, to the place it deserves, is the persistent bigotry and racism of the sporting authorities, media barons and journalists who fear a steamroller situation that they cannot control. Therefore they constantly maximise any small incident, local or from overseas, and try to ignore the world impact of the game.

But, things don't go their way entirely!

The world set-up of Soccer is such that it forces itself on the Aus-



ATTI ABONYI on the move during Australia's outstanding 1974 World Cup campaign. In the background during this game against South Korea is Ray Richards.

tralian sporting youth, through their various international competitions, that no longer can be ignored. As well the modern travel and communications forces the realities of Soccer on the racist journalists.

It remains to be seen if the leaders of the game, in the majority

migrants, are strong and unselfish enough to take up this challenge.

The hundreds of thousands of children that play the game across Australia must be taught that Soccer can be a link for the unity of a multicultural Australia, and the success of our youth teams, in their

World Cups and international tournaments, is there as proof.

Now it is up to the more enlightened migrant activists to promote a unified structure working through our organisations and clubs, to pressurise the media and government to give us the so called 'fair go'!

BUFFALO GOLD CUP 1987 — 3-0

VICTORIA's Buffalo Gold Cup 1987 has started in earnest and South Melbourne captured the imagination of the public with a dazzling 3-0 win over Footscray, in the first qualifying round.

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

tribution and fired the ball against the post before the break.

South Melbourne's un-disputed superiority throughout the game exposed Footscray's weaknesses.

Caretaker coach Zdravko Lujic admitted after the game — Footscray need at least two good players to fill the glaring gaps of the team.

In fairness to Footscray, however, the absence of key players, such as midfielders Vlatko Belic and Vlatko Bozinovski, centre half Tom Karic, forward Ossi Latif and new recruit Tyron James, and the uncertainty about their coach Dragoslav Sekularic took their toll on the team.

Heidelberg United coach Roy McLaren also admitted his team has a long way to go yet, after Heidelberg had disposed of Green Gully with a slender 1-0 win, in the opening game of the Cup.

The result is the only pleasing aspect of tonight's game remarked McLaren, making no secret of the fact that Heidelberg United had lost Steve Jackson and Danny Wright to Preston and South Melbourne respectively, because of their inability to offer lucrative contracts.

We need some for key positions, added McLaren, and we are scanning the market for reasonably priced players.

Doug Brown netted the winning goal after 26 minutes, blasting in the



Peter Laumets.

net the rebound off the post from a header by Andy Deeley, the Kiwi international recruited during the off season.

But while South Melbourne and Heidelberg United were celebrating their wins Brunswick Juventus were licking their wounds.

McKendry's highly respected side was downed 0-1 by a rejuvenated Melbourne Croatia team.

The loss of Paul Wade to South Melbourne and Mike Petersen to Ajax Amsterdam and the absence from the team of captain John Yzen-doorn, defenders Brian Brown and Ernie Campbell and forward Joe Palatidis, forced McKendry to field a makeshift side and taste a bitter defeat.

As for Melbourne

Croatia, the win was the first indication of the good things to come, especially if the club acquires the services of former Socceroo Alan Davidson, currently in dispute with South Melbourne over his transfer fee and Oscar Crino who failed to solve his differences with South Melbourne and is negotiating with Croatia.

The game saw the debut of Shaun Lane with Juventus, transferred from Preston for an alleged fee of \$35,000, and of Robbie Dunn who transferred to Melbourne Croatia from West Adelaide.

One of the highlights of the first qualifying round of the Buffalo Gold Cup was the debut of young international Paul Trimboli with Sunshine George Cross, in

START

the goalless draw against Preston.

Trimboli entertained the crowd with his brilliant skills, aggressiveness and strength, combining well with his team mates threatening constantly Preston's goal.

Vis-a-vis Trimboli stood Steve Gojevic, Preston's latest recruit from Melbourne Croatia, who caused havoc in Georgie's defense with his incisive runs.

Finally, Box Hill accounted for State League champions Croydon City 1-0, on Sunday night with an early Damian Morigoal, while St. Albans and Frankston Pines ended their game deadlocked in a nil all draw.

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AUSTRALIA'S UNDER 16S ARE CANADA BOUND NEXT JULY

AUSTRALIA can again rejoice over the strength of its juniors under coach Vic Dalglish and his very capable assistant Bruce Stowell.

The National under 16 team will be in Canada next July for the World finals thanks to victory in the Oceania elimination series in Taiwan.

Australia won through despite a final round 1-0 loss to New Zealand.

However the Kiwis were never really in the event at this late stage.

The Aussie lads had a 10-0 goal difference going into the game, with New Zealand requiring a 6-0 win to cause an upset.

Australia's final goal difference was 10-1 to New Zealand's 3-1.

Looking ahead rather than astern, coach Dalglish said: "We will require an 18-player squad for the World finals series in Canada, as against the 16 we had in Taipei."

"It could be that there will be a couple of changes apart from the additional players."

"Some players shine at state level, but they find the international scene a whole new ball game. They just do not become seasoned campaigners."

"We have put out a call to the State Directors of Coaching to let us know of any move lads whom they believe have exceptional ability who might make the team."

There are already four "train-on" players endeavouring to establish their positions.

Maybe a total of 28-30 players will be involved in trials over the Easter break.

The Chinese Taipei series saw Australia open up with a 3-0 win over Papua New Guinea.

It was the first football match to be played on the brand new Chiang Kai Chek Sta-

BY KEITH GILMOUR

dium in the city of Kaohsiung.

The catch however was that the surface was well below standard. The pitch grass had been planted in tufts, leading to an uneven bounce.

Papua New Guinea had no ideas in attack as the opponents in Australia's opening game.

Their defensive tactics did keep the Australians at bay until late in the first half.

Whilst they got some long balls in behind the Australian rearguard, the Australian goalkeeper John Russell had an easy afternoon and indeed only had to face one shot near the goal.

Australia's goals went to John Christopoulos of South Australia (2) and Steve Dimoudis (NSW) (1).

No Attack

It took the Australians 20 minutes to score against Chinese Taipei, whose play could not match the Australians.

As with Papua New Guinea they over employed the long ball, in addition to which they were a poorly organised side.

Australia's goals went to Steve Dimoudis (NSW) and Steve Brown (Northern NSW), with two apiece.

If Papua New Guinea and Chinese Taipei were negative, then Fiji topped them by the proverbial mile.

They didn't hide their intentions in the slightest — it required no provocation for them to continually kick the ball out of the park.

Australia won 3-0 whilst missing a hatful of chances. Fiji did not



BRUCE STOWELL

manage one shot on goal.

Here is an area for their new Coaching Director Rudi Gutendorf to work on.

Complacency

Although New Zealand was left with the impossible task of defeating Australia 6-0 to take the series, Australia went out to win in the final game.

The warning was there for the Australians to watch out for complacency, but a beating came by the only goal of the game.

Said Dalglish: "It was similar to our nar-

row loss to Guinea in the 1985 finals.

"New Zealand scored from a header. I believe that their only other shot on goal was really just a mistake."

"We hit the crossbar twice and went close regularly."

"There was no doubt that we outplayed them for 70% of the game."

In addition ace midfielder Dimoudis had to be substituted at half time due to a groin injury.

But, in spite of a slip up that pleased the New Zealanders, Australia were through to the U16 World Cup finals yet again.

One feature of the exercise which had greatly helped the Australian players was the stopover at Hong Kong on the forward journey.

As arranged by Gulliver's Travels' Peter Bent, the team stayed over to rest and train at the Jilibee Sports Centre, which is Hong Kong's equivalent of the Australian Institute of Sport.

This took the edge off the air journey and enabled them to relax at the right moment.

HARRY NOON TRIES HOBART'S CROATIA

NEW SOUTH WALES staff coach Harry Noon, 45, has been appointed coach of Tasmanian Cadbury State League club Croatia-Glenorchy.

Noon arrived in Hobart in early January and has commenced training sessions with his new club.

"It's a bit of a merry-go-round in New South Wales and the Les Scheinflugs and Rale Rasics have everything sewn up there so it's a bit difficult to get back into the coaching part of it," Noon said.

"When the opportunity came to join Croatia-Glenorchy here in Tasmania, I jumped at it, with my eyes open."

Noon has been hired to bring the title to a Croatia side that has been runner-up twice in the past two seasons. He will not recruit any

new players until he has seen the quality of the players at his disposal but he is confident of achieving success.

"The sky's the limit and I'll be looking for success," he said. "I've been successful where I've been and I'll be hoping to be successful here."

"With my professional approach, I can't see why we can't with the league."

"I'm pretty systematic in my coaching and my experience and background in playing and coaching will stand me in good stead."

"My coaching is based on discipline, strong organisation, and the ability to know the team that we're playing against."

"I believe in analysing the teams we're playing against and then playing according to set plans."

"I prefer playing football to kick-and-rush so we'll build up from behind, work a lot from midfield, and push forward."

The qualities that Noon will be looking for in his players are good technique and the ability to work hard, especially in midfield.

"I've always had pretty workmanlike teams and I'll be getting my players to work hard for the ball," Noon said.

— VAN DIEMEN

DIMOUDIS AND LONGO LED THE STARS IN TAIWAN

QUALITY youngsters are certainly being groomed in the Australian Under 16 team.

Amongst the top performers is St George's STEVE DIMOUDIS, who netted goals in Taiwan from the midfield.

Well over 6ft tall, Dimoudis has excellent control and vision. "He will always listen, and then apply what he has learnt," coach Dalglish stated.

As with Kurt Reynolds in the Young Socceroos, the U16's have a Tasmanian captain.

DOMINIC LONGO, also over 6ft, is a centre-back who is an excellent prospect.

Dalglish is in no doubt where Longo stands.

"This lad is a perfectionist, whose domination in the air has to be seen to be believed."

"His football brain would shock many of our senior players."

Steve Horvat of Victoria, another giant of a lad, is a centre-back or sweeper with his state.

The Australian management proved that he has great qualities when coming forward.

He knows how to find a vacant space in which to receive and then attack from there.

This lad is unassuming in outlook but he gives full value on every occasion.

The goalkeeping spot

in Taiwan was shared between John Russell (3 games) and Steve Mauntone (1 game).

The squad has two top rate keepers and the coaches found it difficult to differentiate between them.

Russell's edge perhaps was his ability to converse with his defence to help them into position.

Mauntone's Italian background is steeped in Soccer, and his reflexes are simply tremendous.

The great point with these two lads, from Lake Macquarie and Albion Wodonga respectively, is their preparedness to work together to mutual advantage as true mates.

— KEITH GILMOUR

From Tasmania to Canberra . . .

SUCCESSFUL STEVE DARBY

STEVE DARBY, one of Tasmania's leading coaches, has left the State after a six-year stay to settle in Canberra.

BY VAN DIEMEN

Darby has moved to the national capital to take up a teaching appointment at a private college and to pursue his academic studies.

He coached White Eagles to the Cadbury State League title last season, the club's first since 1978, but he is not certain of his coaching future in Canberra.

Darby arrived in Tasmania from the UK in 1980 to take up the position of player-coach with Devonport City in the State League competition.

A native of Liverpool, Darby has the senior FA Coaching Badge and spent two seasons as assistant coach of the Bahrain national side before coming to Tasmania.

After a year in charge of Devonport, Darby was appointed as State coaching director but only stayed in the post for eighteen months.

He resigned in 1982 after disagreements with the administration and resumed his playing career, having spells with South Hobart, University and Kingborough.

White Eagles appointed him as senior coach in 1985 and the side finished third in the league, before clinching the title in his second year with the club last season.

Among Darby's greatest victories as a coach were the State side's wins against a

Victorian youth team in Melbourne, and against the mighty South Melbourne Hellas at South Hobart in 1981.

Darby paid tribute to a number of coaches who had made valuable contributions to the game in Tasmania during his six years in the State.

"There have been many good coaches that I've seen here," he said. "Peter Brine was very underrated but did an excellent job at Juventus."

"I've seen a lot of men who were very good with young players, coaches such as Barry Shacklady and Sid Cairns."

"Also, a man whose great depth of knowledge hasn't been tapped yet is Eugene Mycak, the former Polish coach of White Eagles."

"David Crosson did a tremendous job with the playing squad he had at Croatia-Glenorchy last season."

Darby has mixed feelings about the progress the game in Tasmania had shown in the past six years.

"There have been some very talented young players who have come through," he said. "The playing talent is getting better and players are getting fitter but the structure of the clubs doesn't seem to be as strong as it used to be."

"Devonport City, in hindsight, is still the best club in Tasmania because they're the most progressive and the most intelligently administered."

"I have no doubts that if that club had been situated in Hobart, there would definitely have been a Tasmanian team in the national league competition."

"Southern clubs should, in fact, follow the example of many of the clubs in the North and North-West of the island by developing club facilities and training grounds and thus fostering a good club atmosphere."

Darby believed that there was still a need for a State coaching director but that he should spend more time in teaching training institutions than in the actual schools.

"The structure of the club doesn't seem to be as strong as it was originally and there are still some malignancies within the administration of the game that is not helping the clubs to get strong."

"It's been pleasing to see some of the ideas I originally put forward, such as the idea of a youth league, and which were knocked, now being quite successfully implemented."

"It makes me smile to see some of the people who were against it now claiming it as their own idea."

NSW WOMEN'S LEAGUE

WOMEN'S STATE TITLES

GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY women Soccer players proved their superior Soccer skills by winning two divisions in the State Championships.

They won the senior and under 17 divisions in games played at Jellicoe Park, Pagewood.

For the seniors it was an all Gladesville-Hornsby final but Graham Read's number 2 team topped the favorites, the number 1 team, in a penalty shootout.

In the under 17 division, coach Lal Byer's girls were too classy for Bankstown, winning

2-0.

Forward Kris James was top scorer with six goals overall. Nicole Van Der Leeden scored three.



Kris James (airborne) heads the ball down to NSW Under 17 team-mates Nicole Van Der Leeden and Leanne Taylor in Women's Soccer League action (all Forest United). Photo: Robert Peverill.



DARBY'S WHITE EAGLES 1986 CADBURY S.L. CHAMPS



FK Vardar's Australia Tour Summary

Frank Coletta analyses the tour by the Yugoslav First Division club FK Vardar

UNLUCKY MARCONI

FK VARDAR, leaders of the Yugoslav First Division began their Australian tour with a hard fought 2-0 win over their hosts Marconi at a jam-packed Marconi Stadium on Sunday, January 11.

In front of 12,212 enthusiastic summer Soccer fans Marconi took the best from the Macedonian club and were unlucky not to grab a draw.

It took some 20 minutes for both sides to get into gear and when they did the Soccer was invigorating to say the least. The Fairfielders could have gone ahead in the 21st minute when a neat move instigated by David Lowe saw Geoff Gunning drive fiercely only to be denied by the 'keeper Lupco Lazarov.

From the ensuing corner Marconi's new signing Gerardo Gomez headed just over the bar.

Marconi's other new man Steve Maxwell (signed for \$40,000 on the morning of the match from Adelaide City), was involved on the half hour when he

put David Lowe into the clear but he was also expertly denied by Lazarov.

Vardar's 22-year-old international and captain Darko Pancev was in impressive form and went just wide with a vicious drive nine minutes before the half-time break.

It was Pancev who gave his side the lead after 62 minutes when a bad mistake by Marconi left-back Lee Sterrey gave him a golden chance. Sterrey attempted to chip the ball over Pancev's head to teammate Tony Henderson but had it intercepted by the centre-forward who chested it down and ran clear to blast a clinical finish beyond Bruce James the Marconi goalkeeper.

Nine minutes before full-time Joycha Dipunov chipped a beautiful pass behind the Marconi defence into the

path of Dragan Karantaloovski whose diving header left James no chance.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Henderson, Gomez (Russo 80), Sterrey, Gray, Markovski, Carbone (Jankovics 75), Lowe, Maxwell, Gunning (Perdomo 58).

VARDAR: Lazarov, Stanoykovic, Simonovski (Babinski 74), Karantaloovski, Najdovski, Janevski, Dipunov, Avramovski (Dimovski 65), Pancev, Savevski (Todorovski 55), Petrov.

CROWD: 12,212.

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc.

THE VARDAR SHOW

THE classy Vardar Skopje outfit turned on the style and antics at Berkeley Sports Ground against Wollongong Macedonia in taking out the match 3-0.

In front of 2000 people the Yugoslav championship leaders were never troubled by the NSW State League club.

Goals by Karantaloovski in the 35th and 80th minutes and one by Janevski in the 63rd gave the final scoreline in a game where Vardar bewildered their opponents with some eye-catching trickery and showmanship.

VARDAR: Lazarov (Grosev 46), Stanoykovic (Jovkovski 73), Simonovski, Karantaloovski, Janevski, Najdovski, Dipunov, Avramovski, Trajcevs-ki, Pancev, Dimovski.

WOLLONGONG: Terzovski, Wright, Ruskin, Davkovski, Todorovski, Campbell, Malbeo, Mathias, Tilt, Garding, Gireldi.

CROWD: 2017.

REFEREE: G.Power.

PANCEV GETS THE WINNER

ALL the international class of Vardar skipper Darko Pancev was evident as he grabbed the winner for his side in the match at the Schintler Reserve against Preston.



Zoran Illoski and Darko Pancev.

Before the decisive goal came in the 38th minute, Vardar had two chances. The first fell to Jovce Dzipunov after 17 minutes and Pancev missed a good opportunity 10 minutes later.

But the skilful centre-forward was well and truly alert seven minutes before the half-time break when he latched onto a cross from Simonovski and buried it beyond the despairing dive of Phil Traianedes.

Seven minutes into the second half Lupco Lazarov denied the raven-haired Graham Heys with a fine save.

Vardar might have

well been two ahead in the 66th minute when Mirko Petrov cracked his shot against the post with Pancev all on his own in the middle.

For Preston, Heys and Con Opasinis stood out whilst Vardar's best were Najdovski, Janevski, Petrov and Dzipunov.

VARDAR: Lazarov (Grosev 46), Stanoykovic, Simonovski, Karantaloovski, Janevski, Najdovski, Trajcevs-ki, Pancev, Dimovski (Babinski 64), Avramovski (Todorovski 60), Pancev, Savevski, M.Petrov (Dimovski 81).

PRESTON: Traianedes, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Illoski, Dobson, McLennan (Jackson 81), Sifkas, Petrov (Jankulovski 86), Heys, Van Egmond, Gojevic.

CROWD: 8077.

TWO SHORT!

IN a drama-filled game at the jam-packed St.George Stadium, Vardar were held to a 0-0 draw by last year's NSL runners-up Sydney Olympic.

The game was not without incident as Vardar had two players sent from the field by referee Gary Power. Thus they were forced to play the majority of the second half with nine men.

The two men sent for an early shower by the



Darko Pancev

Sydney referee were Simonovski in the 60th minute and Najdovski two minutes later.

As early as the 12th minute of the match Simonovski let loose with a 25 metre rocket that was well saved by Gary Meier.

One of the stars of the tour — Dragan Karantaloovski went close in the 23rd minute but he was also denied a reward by the spindly Olympic keeper.

Nine minutes from the break Darko Pancev showed his form when he went on a fine run into the area which again resulted in little or nothing.

Olympic had two chances in the second half which fell to Peter Raskopoulos and Chris Kalantzis but again the nets remained untroubled.

Minutes before time another long range effort — this time by Najdovski, was kept out by the well-performed

Meier. Apart from him David Ratcliffe operated with credit on his debut. John Kosmina when he came on in the second half showed glimpses.

VARDAR: Lazarov, Savevski, Simonovski, Karantaloovski, Janevski, Najdovski, Pancev, Stanoykovic, Petrov, Avramovski, Dzipunov (Todorovski 61).

OLYMPIC: Meier, Dragicevic, Hantzie, Ratcliffe, Dakos, Kotamendis, Raskopoulos, Soper, Patalis, Katholos (Kosmina 46), Kalantzis.

CROWD: 12,482.

REFEREE: G.Power.

FOOTSCRAY just not in Vardar's class

FOR the first time on tour Vardar stepped up the pace and the result was a 6-0 demolition of Footscray JUST.

The less said of this match for Footscray's sake, the better.

The goals came in this sequence:

14th — Toni Savevski blasts home from 12 metres leaving Nikitovic no chance.

35th — Karic is dispossessed near his area and Savevski gets his second with a shot on the turn from 16 metres.

40th — Pancev is in on the goalscoring when he leaves replacement goalie Tom Karic sprawled on the ground following a rasping finish from 8 metres. Nikitovic had been injured

earlier following a clash with Avramovski.

67th — Petrov scores.

76th — Boban Babunski converts a penalty-kick after Pancev had been fouled and been awarded the spot-kick immediately by referee Stuart Mellings.

The finish was fashioned just moments from full-time when Najdovski decided he should get onto the scorers list.

VARDAR: Lazarov (Grosev), Stanoykovic (Bezimovski), Simonovski (Trajcevs-ki), Karantaloovski, Janevski (Dimovski), Najdovski, Savevski (Anastasovski), Avramovski (Todorovski), Pancev

(Babunski), Petrov.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic (Ciric), Petrovski, Barjaktarevic, Karic, Durakovic, Curovic (White), Burlek (Lopatic), Petrov (Nedelkovski), Spink (Zezovski), Milosevic (Obadovic), Lujic.

CROWD: 5323

REFEREE: S.Mellings.

VARDAR 3 (Pancev 16, Karantaloovski 44, Savevski 55) bt Preston Macedonia 1 (Van Egmond 57).

VARDAR: Lazarov, Stanoykovic (Anastasovski 83), Simonovski, Karantaloovski (Trajcevs-ki 79), Janevski, Najdovski, Savevski, Babunski, Pancev (Todorovski 46), Avramovski (Bizinovski 75), Petrov (Dimovski 55).

PRESTON: Traianedes, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Illoski (Jolevski 76), Dobson (Piculovski 40), Petrov, McLennan, Sifkas (Van Egmond 46), Cole, Jackson (Jankulovski 76), Gojevic.

CROWD: 1543.

REFEREE: E.Venios.

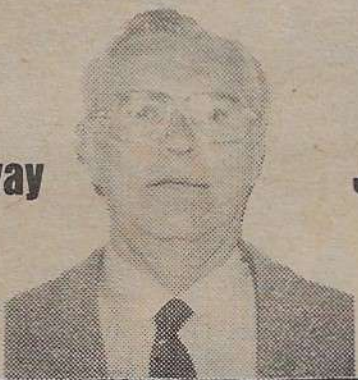


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ASW's Editor Keith Gilmour takes a look at the Junior Game.

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SIGNAL HONOUR FOR THE ENERGETIC FRED MORSE

RIVERINA and Albury — Wodonga Border complex ace Soccer administrator Mr Fred Morse was awarded the Albury — Wodonga — Soccer Association's Life Membership at the Association's A.G.M.

Mr Morse was also re-elected for the second time in succession as the association's secretary-treasurer.

BY FRANK FINLAY

At the Riverina Branch of the NSWASF A.G.M. he was re-elected as treasurer for the second time and was also elected to represent the branch at the NSWASF monthly meetings.

Fred has been deeply involved with Soccer since 1973 and was holding several posts with his own club Albury Hotspurs and with the AWSA. He is a Life Member of his own club.

The outspoken Mr Morse called for unity at the AWSA A.G.M. and told the Border District Soccer fraternity: "It is high time that we forget about fighting for power. Do not make Soccer a political arena, let's play football" he said.

He has an abiding love for the code, his

two loves are his family and Soccer.

For the past 13 years he has been a crusader for junior Soccer throughout the Riverina. He is also the River-



FRED MORSE ... A well-deserved honour.

ina Co-ordinator for Alan Vest's new "Operation Outreach" coaching system.

Receiving his Life Membership Fred said: "We have had quite a few of our younger players putting his associa-

tion on the map; Steve Mauntone — Vic, State selection, and from there on to the Australian Under 16 teams; David Mower gaining a scholarship with the AIS Wayne Oliver and Craig Weldon gaining selection with the Canberra City Under 19 National League side; Robert Capponiccia, Frank Finlay, Shaun Morse, Mark Rochow, Ray Newman, Darryl Smith, and Kansa Michael all gained State Country selection.

"Congratulations must go to all of these young footballers who are doing so well for themselves as well as this area.

Congratulations also go to our Under 14 team under John Ruitenberg for taking out the Riverina Championships.

"As I said last year in my report the playing in the Rep Teams is still political. Let's get our best lads on the park that we will win in every age group entered."

"After all it should be an hour to play in an Albury Wodonga Rep Team."

COACHES AND MANAGERS — THE ESSENTIALS FOR 1987

FROM WALTER DE STE CROIX (KU-RING-GAI)

WELCOME to the North Shore's largest sporting fraternity. Over one hundred teams of adult men play Soccer on Saturdays between North Sydney and Brooklyn in our competitions, and a further dozen teams in our area play in the NSW Federation's competitions with home grounds in our area.

The Ku-ring-gai District has had each year over 6,000 registered senior and junior players for the last decade. Neighbouring Associations Manly-Warringah and Gladesville have as many as we have and Sutherland has more.

With so many teams and their differing requirements, it is important that administration should be as efficient as it can be in a voluntary organisation.

We, your Club and District officials are trying to help the players: please do your best to help us do so.

The affairs of our District (covering North Sydney, Lane Cove, Willoughby, Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby North Riding municipalities) are run by a Management Committee, with sub-committees for Afternoon and Morning Football, Discipline and Protests and so on.

The District Constitution lists the rights and duties of clubs, and the competition rules regarding player eligibility, results/points and other matters. Ask your club secretary for a copy, or at least to show you a copy of it.

Players have to be registered before they play each season, match cards properly prepared before games, results reported to your club etc. Another very useful source of information is the "Referees Chart" giving the complete Laws of the Game and some interpretations.

Referees may be officially appointed, in which case they turn up, dressed in black uniform, at kick-off time.

You need them — in our competition age groups (under 10 up-

wards) and especially in Youth League and men's matches, it is tough to be without one (or three, if linesmen can be sent along by the Ku-ring-gai Referees Association, our local branch of the Australia-wide body).

They need your cooperation and that will be easier if you have read the Referees Chart.

When an official referee does not appear, it's your business and your opposing team's manager's business to find a bystander to control the game, or to do it yourself, or to share it.

An unofficial referee, once agreed upon, has the same powers and duties as an official referee.

This includes reporting bad incidents, either on or off the field, to the Association Hon Secretary, through your Club's Hon Secretary.

Club committees are there to assist you, and you should always contact your club committee members when in doubt of anything, or when having something to report.

Association committee members are all very busy attending to their portfolios, and with nearly fifty club Presidents and fifty club secretaries to ring them up, they don't need any more!

If it's very urgent and your club people aren't available, that's different. But don't be surprised if you are asked to leave a message on an answering machine.

Grading of Morning (junior) teams is often difficult, as players come and go between seasons. The committees do their best. One can't keep altering divisions as competitions would never end.

Only about eighteen playing Saturdays exist between April 1st and August 31st. One or two may be washed out by heavy rain during the week. Sometimes points for washed out games have to be shared, as ten-team divisions need eighteen matches to complete two rounds, and most parents want to avoid Sunday games.

Hiring grounds on Sundays is also surprisingly expensive. Whilst

Councils charge between \$400 and \$800 for a ground for the season on Saturdays, one Sunday's use may cost \$100.

The Association paid a total of \$26,000 last year for the use of grounds, our largest item of expense of all.

Referees are paid, mostly, but at the lowest rates in the Sydney Metropolitan area — enough to pay for uniforms, boots and car-running.

If you find that your team is far below the standard of your opponents when the season begins, best bring it to your club secretary's notice at once.

Regrading may be possible but not after a fourth competition match has been played from U/10 upwards. Perhaps your club could help with an inter-team exchange of players, or appoint an experienced coach to help at training for a few weeks.

Coaching manuals can be had cheaply from the Association through your club. A note on coaching for five, six and seven year olds is attached to this Introduction. And if you can attend the yearly coaching course (Basic) in Ku-ring-gai, that's very desirable. A course is planned for early May — watch Ku-ring-gai Soccer News for date and venue.

Make a habit of reading the District's Soccer News, not just your fixtures. Keep the list of ground locations published in the first issue, you will need it. Rip it out and put it on your clip board with your match card blanks and your Team Registration sheet. Ask your players' parents to keep their copies.

Competitions are decided on a 'first past the post' basis, as playing finals would exclude most of the teams. Age groups below 'under 10's' enjoy non-competition status, to keep the level of tension on the youngest players where it should be.

Whilst a minority of parents seem to love competition, we want the youngsters to love Soccer. Surely there is enough time between the ages of ten and forty years for competition. Ask any educator.

In addition to pre-

miership (League) games, a Knock-out is usually arranged, either at Gala Day, the season's end, or for the older age groups, including the men, as an on-going series of full-length 'Cup' games. Teams don't get into both, but into either, according to age group.

Extra teams can be entered by clubs in the under 7 and 8 divisions as the season advances. Extra players can be registered up to the end of July.

Ask your club secretary if you find either desirable. He'll probably know before you do.

Team Management and Coaching

Please get your paperwork right. Be sure your players are of the correct age, check their birth certificates with parents, as the Association will insist on proof of each player's age at under 10 level.

A photo-copy now will leave you and the club in the clear and save work later.

Match cards are sometimes left incomplete when handed to the referee at the beginning of a game, maybe leaving out the date, or team details in the heading. Please check every space.

A card is wanted for every game, the winner must ensure that the card reaches the club recorder the same day as the game.

Please tell your club secretary if the dressing shed or toilets are locked when you play, or if corner posts and nets are not in place for under 10's upwards.

Fines are levied for non-compliance, so help your club avoid them. Everyone — especially the referee — needs them.

Team managers usually arrange for the half-time oranges, and laundering of shirts on a roster basis in some cases.

Coaches must ensure all players in the younger age groups get a fair go as well as any necessary help in improving skills, certainly for those most in need of it. Soccer soon becomes a team sport.

A weak link in the team spoils everyone's efforts by under 10s. Find out what boots/studs are legal (Referees Chart) and which are comfortable and serviceable on our hard grounds.

See that goalkeepers are warmly dressed on cold mornings, and try to rotate the goalkeeper's job around the players.

Don't leave particular players stuck in the backs for weeks, waiting for the opponents' forwards to arrive with the ball. It may help to win matches (as may having a specialist keeper) but it's BORING and BAD for little fellows.

Remember, some talents bloom late, and not without encouragement. Results, as in score lines, just don't matter in comparison with results as in Player enjoyment and continuing participation, at High School and as adults. Don't make our under 8's, 9's and 10's a breeding ground for other sports.



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COKE HITS THE SPOT IN BIG ALBURY DEAL

THE Albury — Wodonga Soccer Association has recieved a financial boost due to the continued sponsorship of Coca Cola Bottlers. Coca Cola Bottlers remains the major sponsor of the Association.

The Association was presented with a cheque for \$6000 by the Coca Cola Albury sales centre manager, Mr Eddie Bulman.

The donation is the second of five which will aid Soccer in Albury Wodonga area over in next four years.

The money will be used to support association representative teams at carnivals throughout the State.

It will also assist with junior registrations and general expenditure of the AWSA. Soccer is growing in the area and the support of Coca Cola will help it expand even more.

AWSA had 1460 junior registrations last year and a lot of this money will help the players.

Mr Bulman said the five year sponsorship deal would provide the AWSA with more than \$30,000.

"We feel Soccer is becoming really big and we want to be part of it" he said.

"We will be contrating more towards the junior side of things."

— FRANK FINLAY



Area manager of Coca Cola Bottlers, Mr Eddie Bulman, signing a cheque for \$6000 to become the Albury Wodonga Soccer Association major sponsor.

TWO-WAY STRETCH WILL EXTEND THE CENTRAL COAST ASSN

CENTRAL Coast Soccer Association Ltd will be represented in both the Sydney and Newcastle competitions next season.

The Northern NSW Soccer Federation has endorsed a Central Coast application to participate in the senior NNSW State first division competition while the local juniors will contest Sydney and Newcastle leagues.

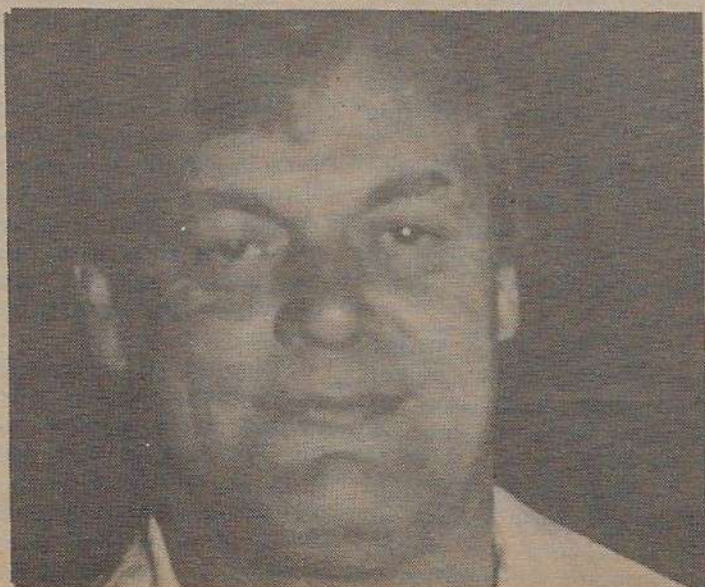
Three teams, first, reserves and under 18s will represent the Coast in the NNSW league while four sides (under 13, 14, 15 and 16) will participate in the Youth League, along with two teams (11 and 12) in the Sydney Metropolitan Championships and three sides (13, 14 and 16) will do battle in the NNSW Super League competition in Newcastle.

The results of long drawn-out discussions are very fruitful for the CCSA.

The Newcastle Super League (under 13, 14 and 16) is a newly devised competition similar to the Sydney Youth League.

Angus Payne, the

BILL NORTHAM, Central Coast Soccer Association representative convenor.



Central Coast Director of Coaching, is currently seeking players and coaches apart from those selected in the Sydney Youth competition.

Anyone interested can contact him on 88 2518.



Goalie sensation Steve Mauntone in action just before leaving for the Oceania titles.

ANDERSON AND FROST STILL ON THE JOB

CHAIRMAN Warren Anderson and competition secretary Peter Frost are the only two members who carry over from the 1986 Board of the Central Coast Soccer Assn Ltd.

Anderson has had extensive experience, including past oversight of the representative teams.

The organisation will have to ensure that junior representative play in both Newcastle and Sydney does not overstretch resources to the detriment of member clubs.

Margaret Ford was honoured with life membership of the Association following her years as secretary, assistant secretary and a delegate.

The Board will consist of:

Chairman, Warren Anderson; company secretary, Emanuel Conditis; competition, Peter Frost; protest and disputes, Warren Richardson; representative teams, Bill Northam; marketing, David Salmon; qualifications, Les Jones.

There will be plenty of business as well as football experience on

the job.

Representative teams expert Bill Northam is a former Central Coast president, whose son Darryl is left-back of the Australian Youth team.

In the past the board has also had to run the every day affairs of Soccer.

These duties will now be run by subcommittees which will be chaired by the following elected persons.

Treasurer, Ernie Kostal; administration, Margaret Ford; fixtures, 'Skeeta' Butler; match, vacant; judiciary, Phil Mead; appeals, Roy Barnes; rep. teams, Jim Payne; publicity/promotions, Kevin Best; registrations, Colleen Butler; qualifications, Terry Cogden; Lisarow complex, Barry Margin; Gosford Sports Council, Warren Snashall; Wyong Sports Council, Pat Hickson; Auditor, Phillips, McSweeney & Associates; solicitor, Conditis & Cotter.



MARGARET FORD ... rewarded by life membership at Gosford.

STEVE MAUNTONE — AN AMBITIONS YOUNG GOALKEEPER

A 16 year old Albury — Wodonga — Soccer Association Soccer ace is chasing international fame.

Steve Mauntone of the Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club will train with Inter — Milan for two months this year.

He has already achieved respect as a junior goalkeeper throughout Australia when he was named in the Australian U/16 team for the Oceania qualifying rounds of this year's World Championships.

He has been chasing national glory for some years now, ever since he became the top Victorian goalie two years ago.

His biggest ambition is to represent Australia in the World Cup.

His team is determined to maintain the recent success for Australian Soccer and Mauntone will have a vital role to play.

The youngster, who was recently nominated

for the Border-Mail Sanyo Sports Award, is being keenly sought by senior Melbourne clubs.

A tight training schedule throughout the year has him in peak condition.

The Australians faced teams from New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Chinese Taipei at the Oceania titles.

They qualified for the World under 16 finals in Canada, which will be played next July.

Their ambition is to follow the success of the Socceroos who returned from China with the Ampol Cup.

National coach Vic Dalglish said the players remain optimistic. "With the 16 in the squad fighting for 11 places, competition is very fierce, but they have a very good spirit", he said.

The Australian team won the 1985 Oceania section and qualified for the finals in China, but they were eliminated on penalty kicks in the quarter finals.

— FRANK FINLAY

DINE'S OUT AT KU-RING-GAI

MICHAEL DINE, a youngster from East Roseville, had a big year in Soccer in 1986.

A strong young central defender, he skippered the Northern Region team in the NSW Primary Schools Championships.

In the Ku-ring-gai Association he had had plenty of success with the strong Lindfield club.

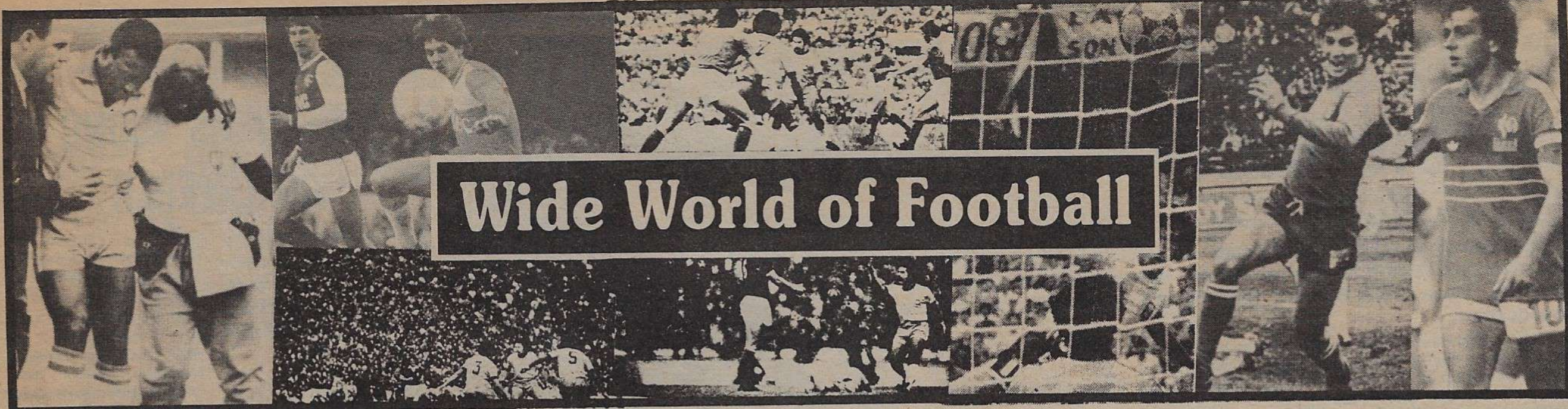
At 12 he has enjoyed six season, and in fact his team has taken out their premiership for three years running.

Michael enjoys the role of leadership from the middle of defence and should have another great season in 1987.

He is also a Ku-ring-gai representative player.



MICHAEL DINE takes a good look up the park before parting with the ball.



Wide World of Football

PAUL WALSH — stepping out of Rush's shadow?

THE imminent departure of Ian Rush to Italy means that Liverpool will need someone to fill the vacant centre-forward slot.



IAN RUSH

Plenty of names have been bandied about but one man who seems to have been forgotten is Rush's current Anfield team-mate Paul Walsh.

The former Charlton and Luton striker is battling for a spot in the first team at the moment as he sets his sights on the number seven shirt so distinguishably worn by player/manager Kenny Dalglish.

Now seven months of agony behind him Walsh is taking nothing for granted as he rejoins the scene.

The fit-again striker knows that he will have to earn a regular place in Dalglish's side after a lay-off he describes as "the most miserable time of my playing days."

Although it's a little over two years since Walsh's \$1.5 million move to Liverpool, he's only played just on 60 First Division games for them. Now he's hoping for a regular run in the side.

The 25-year-old former international realises that might be easier said than done. But he points out: "I scored 18 goals in 25 matches between October and February last season and

I think that is good going by any standards. "Can I recapture that sort of form? Why not?"

Everything seemed to be going right for Walsh last season, when a hot streak in front of goal kept The Reds in contention in all three domestic competitions. There was even talk of an England recall.

Then he damaged an ankle against Manchester United in February, and was little more than a bystander as Dalglish inspired his troops to a League and FA Cup double triumph.

Walsh reveals: "In that respect last season was a big disappointment for me. I had an operation during the summer, but had more problems with the ankle during pre-season training. The injury hadn't healed properly, so I had to go back in plaster for another six weeks."

His comeback in September was short-lived, when he appeared as a substitute against Everton in the Super Cup Final. He lasted just ten minutes before he fell awkwardly and broke a wrist.

So it was a relieved Walsh who fired a superb hat-trick against First Division surprise packet Norwich early in November, marking his return in sensational style.

He recalls: "That was magic. I couldn't have asked for a better comeback."

Says the punished Norwich 'keeper Graham Benstead: "His first goal that day was stunning, when he quickly brought the ball under control, and curled his shot past me into the corner."

"He might never score as many goals as Ian Rush, but who in England at present can? If he can stay clear of the knocks I think he is good enough to become Liverpool's main striker when Rush moves to Italy."



BRYAN ROBSON (left), he has never been able to give England his best during Bobby Robson's reign through injury.

TONY ADAMS, one of the mainstays of Arsenal's soar-away rise to the top of the First Division, is poised for an England call-up!

The 20-year-old London-born centre-half could be drafted into the senior team for England's next friendly international in Spain on February 28.

But the cool six-footer is more likely to be called into the squad and held on ice to soak-up the England scene before getting his chance in the later stages of Robson's European Championship campaign.

Bobby Robson is clearly delighted with the Arsenal man's form. Holding little back, he said, "Oh, he's a beauty, a real beauty is Adams."

"I am not entirely happy with the centre of the defence," admits Robson. "Mark Wright is still finding his feet after injury. He needs time. Terry Fenwick, Alvin Martin and Dave Watson don't always produce their club form for England."

"I don't think people realise that playing international football is like moving up three classes from First Division football. It's quite different. Some players adapt quickly, some take time, some never come through."

"But there are a number of youngsters knocking on the door and the future looks bright."

"Adams is an obvious candidate but I'm also interested in Trevor Peake, of Coventry, and Steve Bruce, of Norwich."

"I am looking for a Phil Thompson-Terry Butcher type combination. The Roy McFarland-Colin Todd act took some beating too."

Robson is delighted with England's two games—two wins start to their European Championship campaign.

"We are very strong — although I have never had the best out of Bryan Robson since I took over."

"I am convinced that if Bryan hadn't had all those injuries, he would have made a significant difference to our results."

He is to England what Maradona is to Argentina.

"Ron Greenwood took a stronger squad to the 1982 World Cup than I took to Mexico. But I could never make use of Ron's squad when I became England manager."

"Many of them retired or were past their best. Trevor Francis was never fit for me. Alan Devonshire got injured, Graham Rix never came through, and suddenly Ron's 1982 team was decimated."

"Those who were left became the nucleus of my teams in the next four years. Bryan Robson became captain, and Peter Shilton, Kenny Sansom, Ray Wilkins and Terry Butcher were the backbone."

As the ink dries on Robson's new four-year contract with the Football Association, he pays tribute to five stalwart heroes of his team — Shilton, Butcher, Sansome, Wilkins and Robson.

"I don't go along with the theories that Shilton has lost some of his greatness. I won't believe it until I see it. He's still number one."

"Sansome has been outstanding, truly world class. Butcher — has he ever played a bad game? A pure gem. Robson — whenever he plays he gives England a copper-bottomed performance."

"Wilkins is the finest boy anybody could meet. As captain, in the dressing-room, in the hotel, on the training ground, Ray is the finest lad anybody could meet. You won't find a better man playing football. And hasn't he taken some stick? Brave, he's brave."

He is quietly delighted by the way the enigmatic Glenn Hoddle has left his army of his critics trailing in slipstream.

"Hoddle, under me, has done well. I think he's really come through. So has Viv Anderson, who is playing better than ever and has been England's best player in the last three games."

So what of England's new young lions, who helped avert a crisis at the World Cup and will form the nucleus of the team in the second phase of Robson's regime?

"I am pleased with

Chris Woods. He did well against Yugoslavia. I've taken him all over the world, Egypt, Israel, Mexico, where he's hardly got a chance, but when he won his fifth cap against the Yugoslavs, he was perfect. He loves the big occasion."

"Young Steve Hodge is good, and Peter Beardsley stands out. Beardsley, Tony Cottee, Gary Lineker, Mark Hateley — they're like lightning."

"I am also watching Clive Allen. He's had mixed fortunes in his career but I took him to South America with England two years ago and I really like the look of him this season."

"Lineker has made remarkable progress. Top scorer at the World Cup — he will always get goals."

Wingers are not dead, despite the emergent talents of Hodge and Everton's Trevor

Stevens, who double as midfield dynamoes as well as wide men.

Robson offers John Barnes and Chris Waddle cause for no concern when he outlines his plans to steer England to the European Championship Finals in 1988.

"I have no fixed plan. Sometimes we'll have wingers, sometimes we won't. What I do know is that John Barnes is a top class operator who has been unlucky not to play more for England in recent matches."

"And I'm sticking with Chris Waddle whatever the Wembley crowd think. He is fulfilling his true potential."

"He won the game for us in Russia and gave an impressive and tireless performance against Yugoslavia."

"I must voice my strongest possible condemnation of the people who booed him at Wembley. I have never heard an England player receive so much abuse as poor Chris suffered."

"It won't influence me — or him. He is English, he is one of them, they should support all the team."

"I have talked with Chris about it. The crowd upset both of us but he is resolved to play through the crisis and try to win their approval with his performances on the pitch."

"I pray they'll give him a chance."

In Brief

EVERY once in a while you hear of a story in football circles that is just about unbelievable... and well here's another one.

JOHN and STEVE PELOW had a cracking match for their side Brixham Town, quite literally — they both broke legs in the same game!

23-year-old John went first when he snapped his left leg in the first half and he was carted off to hospital.

Steve the 25-year-old skipper of the side broke his in the second half and followed his brother into the same hospital ward. By the way the game was abandoned with Dartmouth leading 2-1.

SCOTTISH international **MO JOHNSTON** joins the list of Soccer players who have sampled life behind bars.

The Celtic wild-man was arrested after a punch-up at Glasgow's Mardi Gras Club after a 19-year-old youth was thumped in the mouth.

Johnston, who cost Celtic more than \$800,000 from Watford, was held overnight and a report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

BRADFORD sacked manager **TREVOR CHERRY** and then turned down the same day a \$500,000 bid for winger **JOHN HENDRIE** from Leeds.

MICHAEL ROBINSON has moved from Queens Park Rangers to Spanish First Division club Osasuna.

PAOLO ROSSI is reliving former glories as he is in the middle of a purple patch with his new club **VERONA** in Italy. He recently banged the winner against Torino and the goals are flowing once more.

THERE is no doubt which is the champion country in football these days — without question of a doubt, **ARGENTINA**.

Just take a look at their recent record... World Cup winners 1986, World Club champions 1986-7 (River Plate), Pele Cup winners 1987, South American Youth tournament champions 1986 and Best Footballer in the World — **Diego Maradona**.

ONE of Uruguay's most famous clubs **PENAROL** has taken out that country's championship. In doing so they defeated arch rivals **NACIONAL** in the final. Played in front of 70,000 people in Mon-

tevideo Penarol took the game 4-3 on penalties after extra-time could not break the scoreless draw.

FORMER Northern Ireland keeper **PAT JENNINGS** made just over \$200,000 from his testimonial match at Windsor Park, Belfast, late last year. All tax free of course. He has recently turned down an offer to return to the League Soccer with Peterborough.

New Posh boss Noel Cantwell got in touch with Jennings, but he said he couldn't afford the time.

IPSWICH striker **MICH D'AVRAY** is not interested in taking up a \$300,000 move to Portuguese First Division club Farense.

The former England Under 21 striker explains: "I spent a week on trial there. It was the craziest seven days of my footballing life."

"The club is staffed mainly by Portuguese and Brazilians and they spent most of the time in training punching it out with each other."

"The local lads, who won promotion last season, are resentful that their new Brazilian coach has brought eight players over from South America."

"I politely left."

KEVIN BEATTIE ex-England and Ipswich defender, has been appointed player/

coach of Norwegian side Kongsverg.

Beattie, who was so broke that he recently had to sell his FA Cup winners medal, was given the job by Kongsverg manager Bryan King, the ex-Millwall keeper.

ENGLAND striker **PETER BEARDSLEY** is suing the local paper in Newcastle over allegations that some of his team-mates dislike his influence at Newcastle United.

Beardsley, who recently signed a new contract that will gross him \$4,000 a week at St James Park has subpoenaed two of the paper's journalists to give evidence on his behalf.

FEBRUARY 24 is the date for the European Super Cup between Dynamo Kiev and Steaua Bucharest — the first time the trophy has been contested between clubs from behind the Iron Curtain.

The match is being played in Monaco.

CHELSEA defender **Keith Jones** was last month charged with assaulting a police officer in London's West End after an incident in a restaurant.

DAVID MITCHELL's West German First Division club EIN-

TRACHT FRANKFURT has had their coach **Dietrich Weise** sacked. He's the third Bundesliga coach to get the boot so far this season.

The other two have been Fritz Fuchs of Hamburg and George Kessler from Cologne. Eintracht are struggling in the lower half of the First Division.

LEEDS recently turned down a \$1.5 million bid for their England Under 21 star — **IAN SNODIN**.

Although it was not announced officially the interested club were said to be Everton.

Funnily enough it seems Leeds in desperate need of some money have done an about turn this week and it looks like Snodin is on his way finally.

EVERTON's Welsh international goalkeeper **NEVILLE SOUTHALL** is finding the form that made him one of the top number ones for the last three seasons after

a lengthy lay-off with injury. He has displaced the dependable **BOBBY SIMMS** in between the Goodison Park sticks.

AFTER failing to lure **TERRY GIBSON** from Manchester United, Watford have been considering going into continental to find a partner for **MARK FALCO**.

One potential crowd-puller who would love to come to Vicarage Road is French World Cup star **DOMINIQUE ROCHETEAU**.

The Paris St. Germain striker dropped a none too subtle hint when he met up with Watford chairman **ELTON JOHN** prior to Christmas.

The rock-crazy Rocheteau had flown over to England for the launch of Elton's new album and in front of French TV cameras handed the Watford chairman one of his French World Cup shirts and revealed that his dream had always been to play in the English First Division.

ALAN MULLERY has been sacked by Brighton and Hove Albion.



STEWART ROBSON has moved to West Ham from Arsenal for \$1.6 million, a move that did not make the Gunners' manager **George Graham** a happy man at all. ASW will bring more news on this move later.

GARY BAILEY is back in action and hopes to be playing for Manchester United again in the near future.

The 28-year-old goalkeeper has not played since failing to prove his fitness while with England's World Cup squad in Mexico.

The problem was a damaged cartilage similar to the injury which ended the career of former United star **STEVE COPPELL** and Bailey admits he feared that he, too, would never play again.

But after a six-month rest, including a spell back in the sun of his native South Africa, Bailey has finally shrugged off any lingering doubts about his future.

Now he says: "I now know that I can play again. I have every chance of making it and I am looking for a game within the next few weeks."

Are you listening Chris Turner?

Ron: We share the blame

The scene: Manchester United's training ground.
The date: Thursday, 6th November.

Ron Atkinson, arriving at the Cliff in grey suit, beckons me to his office.

Ron: "Bryan, I have been sacked. I want you to know how much I have enjoyed working with you and to wish you all the best in the future."

Ron's departure was as sudden, as short, and as simple as that.

After nine years of working together, first at West Bromwich Albion and almost five years to the day at Manchester United, the boss and I were parting company.

You could tell there was a sudden wave of sadness through the club. But all the players, and probably all the backroom staff, know that a club as big as Manchester United have to make some difficult decisions when things go sour.

I think Ron Atkinson did a good job. His success was second only to the great Matt Busby — but it wasn't good enough.

He left the club in the way I would have expected — with dignity. Ron loved Manchester United, he loves football, and you won't get him knocking the sport that has given him a marvellous life.

I can see Ron landing another big job. He's too good to stay at home kicking his heels.

We must all share some of the blame for his sacking. Some of his big buys failed to deliver the goods he expected.

It's no good blaming United's failures on our run of injuries. I refuse to use that as an excuse.

We weren't good enough — and Big Ron paid the price for our failure.

I call him 'Big' by the way, not because of his size, but because he's one of the boldest, bravest men I have had the good luck to work with.

He'll bounce back, believe me!

PLAYERS BOUGHT

John Gidman — £325,000
Frank Stapleton — £900,000
Remi Moses — £500,000
Bryan Robson — £1,500,000
Paul McGrath — £30,000
Arthur Graham — £45,000
Gordon Strachan — £500,000
Alan Brazil — £700,000
Jesper Olsen — £500,000
Chris Turner — £275,000
Peter Barnes — £30,000
Joe Hanrahan — £30,000
Colin Gibson — £275,000
John Sivabæk — £300,000
Terry Gibson — £650,000
Mark Higgins — £58,000
Peter Davenport — £570,000

Total £7,188,000

PLAYERS SOLD

Joe Jordan — £160,000
Mickey Thomas — £275,000
Jimmy Nicholl — £250,000
Sammy McIntyre — £250,000
Garry Birtles — £350,000
Ashley Grimes — £350,000
Ray Wilkins — £1,500,000
Scott McGarvey — £85,000
Stephen Pears — £80,000
Alan Davies — £50,000
Alan Brazil — £250,000
Mark Hughes — £2,300,000

Total £5,900,000



BRYAN ROBSON

TALKS





The famous Lido Nightclub, Paris – a fabulous setting for a glittering occasion when adidas honoured the best European goalscorers and clubs of 1985-86. There were also special awards for the top strikers and best players in the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico.

World-beater Lineker

Gary Glitter ... 30 League goals for Everton last season won the England striker the European award. Gary also collected a special Golden Shoe for being top scorer in the World Cup Finals with six goals. Above: Scoring England's third against Poland. Gary, in Paris with his lovely wife Michelle, says: "The great thing about winning these awards is that it helps boost English football. "I can't see me scoring 30 goals for Barcelona this season. Anything over 20 is a bonus in Spain."



New World Cup emblem and mascot for Italy, 1990

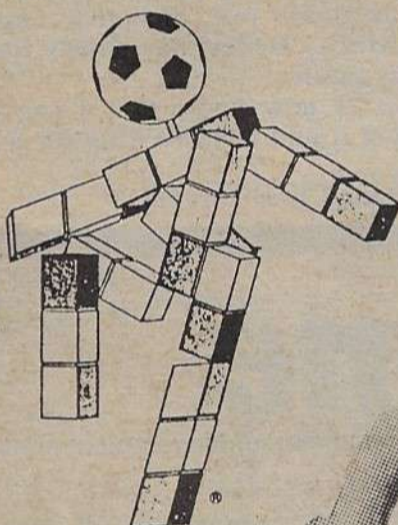
The Emblem

Created by Vittorio Picconi, born on 10 May, 1951 in Rieti. The winner of the competition for the best emblem is since 1983 a self-employed graphic artist and designer.



The Mascot

Created by Lucio Boscardin, born on 20 February 1943 in Bassano del Grappa. The winner of the competition for the best mascot owns since 1982 in Casale Novo (Province Como) his own company.



ARGENTINA captain Diego Maradona was voted Rest Footballer in the World after his scintillating displays in Mexico.

He scored five goals and inspired his team to victory over West Germany in the World Cup Final. "The World Cup gave me a great deal of joy and to share glory with the people of Argentina is a tremendous honour," he says.



QPR striker ALAN BRAZIL is resurrecting his career after announcing his retirement last month through injury.

Below we produce the final placings in the 1986 EUROPEAN FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR. This most prestigious award carried off by IGOR BELANOV of the USSR and Dynamo Kiev.

At bottom left is the complete history of the award and the first, second and third placings.

- 1.-Belanov (84 votes)
- 2.-Lineker (62)
- 3.-Buiragueño (59)
- 4.-Amorós and Elkjaer (22)
- 6.-Rush and Zavarov (20)
- 8.-Van Basten and Ducadam (10)
- 10.-Altobelli (9)
- 11.-Platini and Pfaff (8)
- 13.-Lerby and Ceulemans (7)
- 15.-Morten Olsen (6)
- 16.-Daseav (5)
- 17.-Fernández, Schumacher, Futre and Gullit (4)
- 20.-Dalglish, Tigana, Yatkovenko (3)
- 24.-K.H. Forster and Mathaus (2)
- 27.-Laudrup and Voller (1)

The Pele Cup

LAST week in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil the 'Pele Cup' held for the greats of past World Cups was run and won ... by who else? Argentina, of course.

They seem to be winning everything. Below we print the entire results and final where Argentina led in great fashion by the brilliant Carlos Babington beat Brazil 1-0 via a goal by the 36-year-old Dario Luis Felman. The hero of the game was Argentinean goalkeeper Carlos Buticce, his performance did much for the victory in the over-34 competition for his side.

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Points Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	4	2	1	1	8	4	5
Brazil	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Uruguay	4	2	1	1	4	5	5
W. Germany	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Italy	4	1	0	3	4	8	2

ARGENTINIAN World Cup star **JORGE VALDANO** has stressed his intentions to become a Spanish citizen.

He's been in Spain with Real Madrid long enough it is no wonder.



The Results

Brazil 3 Italy 0
Argentina 1 West Germany 1
Brazil 0 Uruguay 0
West Germany 2 Italy 1
Argentina 3 Brazil 1
Uruguay 2 Italy 1
Argentina 4 Uruguay 0
Italy 2 Argentina 1
Brazil 2 West Germany 1
Uruguay 2 West Ger-

Full list of adidas prize-winners in Paris

Special World Cup Awards

Golden Ball – Diego Maradona (Argentina)
Silver Ball – Harald Schumacher (West Germany)
Bronze Ball – Preben Elkjaer (Denmark)

Golden Shoe – Gary Lineker (England – 6 goals)
Silver Shoe – Antoni Careca (Brazil – 5 goals)
Bronze Shoe – Emilio Butragueno (Spain – 5 goals)

European Awards

Golden Shoe – Marco Van Basten (Ajax and Holland 37 goals)
Silver Shoe – Oleg Protasov (Dniepr and USSR 35 goals)
Bronze Shoe – Anton Polster (Austria Vienna and Austria 33 goals)
Tanju Colak (Samsunspor and Turkey 33 goals)

European Club Awards

Real Madrid (Spanish Champions and UEFA Cup winners)
Liverpool (English Champions and F.A. Cup winners)
Bayern Munich (West German Champions, Cup winners, European Cup Quarter-Finalists)
Juventus (Italian Champions, European Cup Quarter-Finalists)
Paris St. Germain (French Champions

– undefeated – Cup Semi-Finalists)
PSV Eindhoven (Dutch Champions)

Top National Scorers

England – Gary Lineker – 30 goals
Scotland – Ally McCoist – 25 goals
Belgium – Erwin Vandenbergh (Anderlecht) – 27 goals
Denmark – Lars Bastrup (Ikast) – 24 goals
Spain – Hugo Sanchez (Real Madrid) – 22 goals.
Finland – Ismo Lius (Kuusysi) – 19 goals
France – Jules Bocande (Metz) – 23 goals.
Greece – Nikos Anastopoulos (Olympiakos Pirans) – 19 goals.
Hungary – Lajos Detari (Honved) – 27 goals.
Eire – Tommy Gaynor (Limerick) – 15 goals.
Italy – Roberto Pruzzo (AS Roma) – 19 goals.
Luxembourg – Armin Krings (Avenir Beggen) – 25 goals.
Norway – Jørn Andersen (Vaalerengens) – 23 goals.
Portugal – Manuel Fernandes (Sporting Lisbon) – 30 goals.
Sweden – Billy Lansdowne (Kalmar) – 10 goals.
Switzerland – Lars Lunde (Helvetic) – 21 goals.
West Germany – Stefan Kuntz (F.C. Bochum) – 22 goals.

1956	Mattews (Blackpool)	DISTEFANO (R.Madrid)	Kopa (S.Reims)
1957	DISTEFANO (R.Madrid)	Wright (Wolverhampton)	Kopa (S.Reims)
1958	Kopa (R.Madrid)	Rahn (Rot Weiss)	Fontaine (S.Reims)
1959	DISTEFANO (R.Madrid)	Kopa (S.Reims)	Charles (Juventus)
1960	LUIS SUÁREZ (Barça)	PUSKAS (R.Madrid)	Seele (Hamburg)
1961	Sivori (Juventus)	SUÁREZ (Inter)	Haynes (Fulham)
1962	Masopust (Dukla)	Eusebio (Benfica)	Schnellinger (Colonia)
1963	Yashin (D.Moscu)	Rivera (Milan AC)	Greaves (Tottenham)
1964	Law (Manchester U.)	SUÁREZ (Inter)	AMANCIO (R.Madrid)
1965	Eusebio (Benfica)	Fachetti (Inter)	SUÁREZ (Inter)
1966	B.Charlton (Manchester U)	Eusebio (Benfica)	Beckenbauer (Bayern)
1967	Albert (Ferencvaros)	B.Charlton (Manchester U)	Johnstone (Celtic)
1968	Best (Manchester U)	B.Charlton (Manchester U)	Dzajic (E.Roja)
1969	Rivera (Milan AC)	Riva (Cagliari)	G.Muller (Bayern)
1970	G.Muller (Bayern)	Moore (West Ham)	Riva (Cagliari)
1971	Cruyff (Ajax)	Mazzola (Inter)	Best (Manchester U)
1972	Beckenbauer (Bayern)	Muller (Bayern)	Netzer (Borussia M)
1973	CRUYFF (Barcelona)	Zoff (Juventus)	Muller (Bayern)
1974	CRUYFF (Barcelona)	Beckenbauer (Bayern)	Deyna (Legia Varsovia)
1975	Blojin (D.Kiev)	Beckenbauer (Bayern)	CRUYFF (Barcelona)
1976	Beckenbauer (Bayern)	Rensenbrink (Anderlecht)	Viktor (Dukia P)
1977	Simonsen (Borussia M)	Keegan (Hamburg)	Platini (Nancy)
1978	Keegan (Hamburg)	KRANKL (Barcelona)	Rensenbrink (Anderl)
1979	Keegan (Hamburg)	Rummenigge (Bayern)	Krol (Ajax)
1980	Rummenigge (Bayern)	SCHUSTER (Barcelona)	Platini (S.Etienne)
1981	Rummenigge (Bayern)	Breitner (Bayern)	SCHUSTER (Barcelona)
1982	Rossi (Juventus)	Giresse (Bordeos)	Boniek (Juventus)
1983	Platini (Juventus)	Dalglish (Liverpool)	Simonsen (Vejle)
1984	Platini (Juventus)	Tigana (Bordeos)	Elkjaer (Verona)
1985	Platini (Juventus)	Elkjaer (Verona)	SCHUSTER (Barcelona)
1986	Belanov (D.Kiev)	LINEKER (Barcelona)	BUTRAGUENO (R.Madrid)



Barcelona's British Boys

HOW are GARY LINEKER and MARK HUGHES faring in Spain with Barcelona?

Quite well thank you.

Lineker has cracked 13 goals now and Hughes although not as free-flowing in the goal-scoring department (he has scored three), has formed a strike-force with the Englishman that is feared all over Europe.

In recent interviews by English magazine SHOOT both were asked pertinent questions on their career in football, we reproduce some of the answers below ...

MARK HUGHES

Team you supported as a boy: Wrexham.

Favourite current player: Michel Platini — the complete modern player.

Club honours: F.A. Youth Cup runners-up medal in 1982. F.A. Cup winners medal from 1985.

Favourite other sports: Rugby Union and American football.

Hobbies: Modern music, motoring and watching local football.

Favourite actor and actress: Charles Bronson and Lesley-Ann Down.

Most memorable match: F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay against Liverpool in 1984-85. We won 2-1 and I scored the winner. And my League debut for Barcelona v Santander. We won 2-0.

Most disappointing match: Wales' 1-1 draw with Scotland at Cardiff last season. A terribly harsh penalty decision robbed us of a place in Mexico.

Superstitions: I always put on my left boot first.

International honours: Schoolboy, Youth, Under-21 and 12 full caps.

GARY LINEKER

You are given the choice of making an overseas tour with Barcelona for players and wives, or taking part in an unimportant friendly for England in Australia. What would you do?

It's always great to play for England, but I wouldn't blow out Barcelona if it was important.

What gives you the most pleasure in football? What makes you angry?

Scoring goals. Ex-players who knock the game. Have your say, but don't upset people.

Which defender gave you the hardest time in England?

Dave Watson, at Norwich. I only scored once against them.

Are Spanish defenders harder than English players?

No — but there's more of them! They're more cynical, but they're also more skilful. Camacho, of Real Madrid, is the hardest opponent so far.

If you could form a partnership with any of the world's great strikers, who would you choose? Maradona.

Focus on

Full Name: Leslie Mark Hughes.
Birthplace: Wrexham.
Date: November 1, 1963.
Height: 5ft 9½ins.
Weight: 12st 8½lbs.
Married: No.
Home: A lovely apartment in Barcelona.
Car: Nissan at home in Salford. I'm using taxis in Barcelona.
Nickname: 'Sparky' — a pal called me that and it stuck.

Hughes and Lineker always take time out to sign autographs.

RUSHING OFF TO ITALY!



THERE is no doubt that IAN RUSH is eagerly looking forward to his joining champion Italian club Juventus in late May of this year.

DESPITE the fact that Rush already knows his destination for the next three years his form has not been affected in the slightest for his current club Liverpool. Curiously it seems to have spurred him on to even bigger and better scoring feats for the English double champions.

Says Rush on all that is happening to him: "It's been a delight for me to see a banner at Anfield, declaring in big bold capital letters: RUSH MUST STAY."

"To me it sums up how great the Merseyside fans have been to me this season and, believe me, it is a great encouragement to know the fans are still in my corner."

"Perhaps the owner of the banner had been hearing the same rumours that have reached my ears, that my transfer to Juventus has still not been finalised."

"I'm afraid, though, the recent newspaper headlines were way off the mark. As I've told everyone, it has always been my intention to play for Juventus next season."

"I was a bit choked when I read that some fans were willing to pay an extra 50 cents at the turnstiles to help keep me at Anfield. It was a fantastic gesture, but I could never accept the money."

"Merseyside is rife with unemployment, so what right have I to ask these people to pay more to watch me? None."

"I thought I'd finished with homework the day I left school - how wrong I was! My forthcoming transfer to Juventus means I'll have to do a lot of swotting up before I leave Liverpool at the end of the season."

"The Italian style of play is obviously my priority, and at this end I've had a satellite dish installed at my home so I can watch Juventus whenever they are featured on Italian television."

"I watched their European Cup defeat by Real Madrid 'live', for example, and was particularly impressed with midfielder Lionello Manfredonia."

"His position is on the right side of midfield, but he popped up all over the place, and made Juventus' goal, scored v Antonio Cabrini, a level the aggregate score. What a

shame he missed a penalty in the shoot-out.

I'm taking private lessons from a tutor.

"Some of the Juventus players, though, can speak English, and that might help me in the early months. Laudrup even phoned my home recently for a chat, but I was out."

"I'm particularly looking forward to playing alongside him. He proved his class during

termination to move to Juve the Liverpool fans are adamant they will try everything in their power to keep him from rounding off the \$7 million deal.

The club's board of directors have been subjected to a barrage of hate after a victory over Coventry when they were asked to answer major questions over



IAN RUSH look-alike JOHN ALDRIDGE (left) joined Liverpool yesterday in a \$1.5 million transfer from Oxford United.

Aldridge will be blooded to fill the number nine shirt of Rush which is another setback for Paul Walsh. For the remainder of the season the Eire international will be played alongside Rush in the forward line.

"Cabrini, I reckon, is probably the best full-back in the world. He is classy on the ball, never gives it away, and often makes good overlapping runs. In fact he reminds me a little of my old Anfield team-mate Alan Kennedy, although he's a lot more skilful (sorry Alan)!"

"Michael Laudrup impressed me, too, with his intelligent runs into space, and Michel Platini - even though he didn't play too well on this occasion - was always aware of Laudrup's intentions, and found him with great passes."

"I've started to learn the lingo too, with the help of a cassette and

the World Cup Finals with Denmark, and Jan Molby - also in the Danish squad in Mexico - tells me he's a nice fella."

"The food? That's no problem on my part - I'll eat most food."

"Before I leave, though, I aim to help Liverpool to more success this season. We've started quite well, and my form in front of goal has led me to believe I might even break my goalscoring record of 49, set in 1983-84."

"That might ensure a nice welcome when I finally arrive in Turin - not to mention help provide Liverpool to scoop even more silverware!"

Despite Rush's de-

the Rush situation.

The 'Keep Rush' campaigners wanted to know why Liverpool refused to let Rush move to Napoli a couple of seasons back when the Italian club offered more money than Juventus."

Yet as soon as the Italian League champions made their bid the deal was accepted."

Liverpool's chief executive Peter Robinson said the truth of the matter was really quite simple. He said that Liverpool had been unable to compete with wealthy European clubs because of taxation and income problems."

James Johnson, one of the campaign committee members, said: "We feel let down by what has gone on behind the scenes at Anfield. The club has always claimed that the fans come first, but in this case high finance has been the governor."

Whether the truth will ever emerge is difficult to say. But Rush was always determined to move to Italy once the deal was struck last summer with the fabulously wealthy Turin club."

They are financed by the Fiat car company, who are in turn owned by the Agnelli family. And the contract that Rush has been given means he will be a millionaire at the end of the three year deal."

After losing out on the Napoli move a couple of years back Rush swore nothing would stand in his way if he ever got the opportunity again."

He was furious that he was kept in the dark by Liverpool over Napoli's approach. Liverpool, in



PAUL WALSH — tough times ahead.

turn, claimed that Rush was in southern Spain at the time and that they couldn't get in touch with him by phone."

The big news move has been all very courteous and dignified publicly with Juventus stating they were sure that Liverpool would keep their word."

But the flak has been flying in a big way behind the scenes. Liverpool were told in no uncertain terms by the powerful Italians that if they went back on their word the whole matter would end with UEFA."

Even harsher than that was the fact that Juventus would instantly

withdraw their influential backing for the return of English club - and particularly Liverpool - to European competition."

It was that threat more than the UEFA line that eventually decided the Liverpool board would let Rush go."



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